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and Second President of the Fifth Republic.



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INTRODUCTION

As the President's chief message-crafting body, the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO), is mandated to provide strategic communication leadership and support to the Executive Branch, its composite agencies, and instrumentalities of government.

The PCDSPO is also mandated to act as custodian of the institutional memory of the Office of the President. One of our projects is the continuation of the series of books called the Messages of the President, started in 1936 by Jorge B. Vargas, Executive Secretary to President Manuel L. Quezon. The series was a wide collection of executive issuances, speeches, messages, and other official papers of the President. The volumes were intended to serve as the definitive compilation of presidential documents. The series was continued until the Quirino administration, although the series for the Presidential administrations of Presidents Quezon, Roxas, and Quirino were never completed.

In 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III ordered the revival of the series and the constitution of a complete set, covering all 15 presidential administrations. With pride, we continue what Vargas began.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our partners for without whose gracious cooperation, this project would have not been possible.

A note on organization: Each presidential administration's messages are in book form, compiled and subdivided into volumes. The books are as follows:

- Book 1: Emilio Aguinaldo
- Book 2: Jose P. Laurel
- Book 3: Manuel L. Quezon
- Book 4: Sergio Osmeña
- Book 5: Manuel Roxas
- Book 6: Elpidio Quirino
- Book 7: Ramon Magsaysay
- Book 8: Carlos P. Garcia
- Book 9: Diosdado Macapagal
- Book 10: Ferdinand E. Marcos
- Book 11: Corazon C. Aquino
- Book 12: Fidel V. Ramos
- Book 13: Joseph Ejercito Estrada
- Book 14: Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
- Book 15: Benigno S. Aquino III

Each book is subdivided into the following volumes:

- Volume 1: Official Weeks/Months in Review
 - Volume 2: Appointments and Designations
 - Volume 3: Historical Papers and Documents
 - Volume 4: Executive Orders
 - Volume 5: Administrative Orders
 - Volume 6: Proclamations
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Volume 7: Other issuances

Volume 8: Cabinet minutes

We hope that this collection will be a useful and vital reference for generations to come.

PREFACE

On July 30, 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 4, which effectively renamed what was previously called the Malacañang Museum into the Presidential Museum and Library (PML) and placed it under the supervision and control of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO). The PML is responsible for preserving, managing, and promoting the history and heritage of the Philippine presidency. It is the principal historical and artistic repository in support of the institution of the presidency, for the benefit of the Republic and the Filipino people. In partnership with the PCDSPO, which has pioneered the publication of the Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines as a web archive and information website, the PML has taken this mandate and placed it on the cutting edge of the information age.

Much has been done over the past years, under the administration of President Aquino III, to digitize executive issuances, speeches, letters, and other presidential papers; and publish them online. The project is not limited to a single administration, nor does it discriminate. This collection, published as databases, as well as print and e-publications, includes documents from the presidency of Emilio Aguinaldo to the current Aquino administration. This represents the government's allegiance to transparency, continuity, and the fostering of an informed citizenry, as well as an effort, in earnest, to preserve the institutional memory of the Presidency. All this was done not just for the posterity, but for the current generation and the ongoing task of nation building.

The PML are proud partners of the Official Gazette and PCDSPO team, to whom we made the collections available. We sincerely hope that this series will serve as a vital reference to educators, students, journalists, lawyers, historians, and the public at large.

FOREWORD

This is the fourth volume of President Fidel V. Ramos' official papers, which constitutes the 12th book of the Messages of the President series. The series was started in 1936 by Executive Secretary Jorge B. Vargas, during the first year in office of Manuel L. Quezon, the first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines. This volume collects President Ramos' Executive Orders, which provide for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers.

BOOK 12

PRESIDENT FIDEL V. RAMOS

President Fidel V. Ramos was the twelfth President of the Philippines and was the second President of the fifth Republic. He assumed office on June 30, 1992 and was President until June 30, 1998.

The Executive Issuances of President Ramos began with Executive Order No. 1 and Memorandum Circular No. 1, signed on June 30, 1992 and ended with Proclamation No. 1266 that was signed on June 27, 1998.

President Ramos' documents were gathered from its official sources such as the Official Gazette of the Philippines; Malacañang Records Office's Book of Executive Issuances; SONA Technical Report; To Win the Future: People Empowerment for National Development; A Call to Duty; Citizenship and Civic Responsibility in a Third World Democracy; Time for Takeoff: The Philippines is ready for Competitive Performance in the Asia-Pacific; From Growth to Modernization: Raising the Political Capacity and Strengthening the Social Commitments of the Philippine State; Our Time has Come: The Goals we Set Ourselves to Obtain for our People are Now Within our Reach; Leadership for the 21st Century: Our Labors Today will Shape our Country's Future; The Continuity of Freedom: A Democratic and Reformist Society is our Unique Competitive Advantage; and Developing as a Democracy: Reform and Recovery in the Philippines, 1992-1998.

The American Psychological Association (APA) style was used for the citation. The titles that have been provided by the researchers are enclosed in square brackets, considering that the exact wordings and its order were not verbatim from the document being described. Book titles are italicized while the speech titles are not. If in any case that the book title is the same as the title of the speech, it is transcribed in italics because it is the book title.

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President Fidel V. Ramos inspects a fish farm in Candaba, Pampanga, May 9, 1996.



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President Fidel V. Ramos getting a musical reception in Bangued, Abra, August 13, 1996.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

An Executive Order provides for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers. The Executive Orders of President Fidel V. Ramos began on June 30, 1992 with Executive Order No. 1 and ended on June 11, 1998 with Executive Order No. 488.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 159

DIRECTING ALL DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES, UNITS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, TO REVISE THEIR FEES AND CHARGES AT JUST AND REASONABLE RATES SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER AT LEAST THE FULL COST OF SERVICES RENDERED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 54, Chapter 12, Book IV, of Executive Order No. 292 (Administrative Code of 1987), the heads of bureaus, offices, or agencies may, upon approval of the department head, charge and collect the cost of the services rendered by the bureau, office or agency or other rate in excess of cost prescribed by law or approved by the same authority;

WHEREAS, it is the goal of government: 1) to promote full recovery of cost of services to free other government revenues for priority projects; and 2) to ensure equitable distribution of the burden of cost recovery by having the direct recipients of government services account for the costs; and

WHEREAS, efficiency in government is enhanced by an accentuated cost-consciousness and public accountability through a system of reportorial requirements and sanctions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. All departments, bureaus, offices, units, and agencies, including government-owned or controlled corporations, are hereby directed to revise their fees and charges to recover at least the full cost of services rendered.

The full cost of services for the year rendered by a government department, bureau, office, unit, or agency, including government-owned or controlled corporation, shall be equivalent to the appropriation of said department, bureau, office, unit or agency for the year under the relevant General Appropriations Act or under the Corporate Operating Budget submitted by the government-owned or controlled corporation as approved by the Department of Budget and Management.

The revised rates shall, wherever practicable, be uniform for similar or comparable services and functions and shall be determined by the respective department heads, governing boards, or equivalent functionaries; *Provided that*, this Executive Order shall not apply to fees charged by departments, bureaus, offices, units, and agencies, including government-owned or controlled corporations, related to constitutionally mandated free or subsidized services, such as in education and health, as well as to those exempted by international agreements, as shall be determined by the President.

Section 2. The heads of departments shall be responsible for the implementation of this Executive Order by the bureaus, offices, units, and agencies, including government-owned or controlled corporations, within their respective jurisdictions.

Section 3. No appropriation for a particular department, bureau, office, unit, or agency, including government-owned or controlled corporation, shall be released by the Department of Budget and Management until after a report of compliance hereto has been submitted by the department, bureau, office, unit, or agency, including government-owned or controlled corporation, to the Office of the President through the Department of Budget and Management.

Section 4. In submitting their proposed budgets with the Department of Budget and Management, government departments, bureaus, offices, units, and agencies, including government-owned or controlled corporations, shall also be required to submit a corresponding summary of expected revenues.

Section 5. Government departments, bureaus, offices, units, and agencies, including governments-owned or controlled corporations, charging higher rates than those provided for under this Executive Order by virtue of special laws for services rendered shall continue to charge such higher rates under such special laws.

Section 6. The Department of Finance and the Department of Budget and Management shall jointly promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.

Section 7. All executive issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 160
REDUCING THE SPECIAL DUTIES ON CRUDE OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS
PRESCRIBED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 115, SERIES OF 1993

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 115 (dated 24 July 1993) was issued to raise much needed revenues to finance government infrastructure projects and social services programs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and the Executive Departments have identified legislative and executive measures to replace the oil levy under Executive Order No. 115.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority granted to me under Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, do hereby order and ordain:

Section 1. **Reduction of the Special Duty.** - The P1.90 special duty on imported crude oil falling under HS Hdg. No. 27.09 and the P2.00 special duty on imported oil products falling under HS Hdg. Nos. 27.10 and 27.11, prescribed under Executive Order No. 115, series of 1993, and listed in Annex A thereof, are hereby reduced by P0.95 and P1.00 per liter, respectively, effective 1 January 1994.

Section 2. **Repealing Clause.** - All executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

Section 3. **Effectivity.** - This Executive Order shall take effect after thirty (30) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23^d day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.**

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 161
PRESCRIBING THE ADOPTION OF NEW STANDARD FORMS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED
BY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING

WHEREAS, officials and employees proposed for travel abroad, whether on official mission for the government or for training or scholarships, are required to fill up a travel data sheet and, in proper cases, a training/scholarship agreement;

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 129, as amended, a training contract shall bind the scholar with his/her country and agency to render service corresponding to the period of his training or scholarship grant;

WHEREAS, a training contract should clearly define the effects for failure to comply with the conditions set forth giving the award to a grantee;

WHEREAS, in previous years, the extent of implementation of the training contract indicates a non-uniform enforcement by the agencies/offices of scholars as proven by numerous breaches of contracts;

WHEREAS, to enforce a stricter and more binding commitment between the agency and the grantee, a modification of the existing training contract to include a guarantor, who is a close relative of the grantee to defray the total cost of expenditures, is recommended;

WHEREAS, the Special Committee on Scholarships has approved in Resolution No. 4, dated June 26, 1992, the adoption of a modified scholarship service contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order all agencies and offices of national and local government to adopt the attached scholarship service contract.

All issuances or orders providing additional requirements and prescribing standard forms for travel abroad, which are inconsistent herewith, are modified, amended, or repealed accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of **February**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Reference: Scholarship Service Contract

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 162

**RESTORING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES THE JURISDICTION, CONTROL, MANAGEMENT, AND
DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANGAT WATERSHED RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 192, dated June 10, 1987, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is mandated as the sole agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's natural resources within forest lands, including watershed reservations;

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 224, dated July 16, 1987, the National Power Corporation was vested the complete jurisdiction, control and regulation of certain watershed areas and reservations surrounding its power generating plants, among which is the Angat Watershed Reservation under Proclamations Nos. 505 and 599;

WHEREAS, watershed areas are critical and essential not only to the life-span of hydroelectric dams and other water-oriented projects of the government but also to its flood control and other environmental and ecological programs;

WHEREAS, the Angat Watershed Reservation is a very important and vital watershed, considering that it irrigates about twenty (20) municipalities in the Provinces of Bulacan and Pampanga, not to mention its power generating capacity in Luzon and as the source of seventy-five (75%) percent of the water supply of the entire Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, the Angat Watershed Reservation needs effective protection, management, and development in order to sustain its capacity for power generation, water supply, and irrigation and further enhance its watershed functions;

WHEREAS, considering its mandate, objectives, and resources, the DENR is in the best position to implement the policies, plans and programs on the protection, management, rehabilitation, and development of watersheds, such as the Angat Watershed Reservation;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to provide a holistic approach for the sustainable management and development of the whole Angat Watershed Reservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall have jurisdiction, control, management, and development of the Angat Watershed Reservation. For this purpose, the Department shall submit to the Office of the President a comprehensive management and development plan within ninety (90) days from the date hereof.

SEC. 2. All development and/or improvement activities of existing water-based facilities within the Angat Watershed Reservation of the National Power Corporation, which have been programmed for immediate implementation, shall be in close consultation and collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

SEC. 3. The commercial utilization of timber within the Reservation shall not be allowed, except for research and other silvicultural practices, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources.

SEC. 4. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the National Power Corporation shall undertake the necessary arrangements for the immediate and orderly turnover of responsibilities over the reservation.

SEC. 5. For purposes of this Order, an initial allocation of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) is hereby set aside out of the unallocated funds of the National Government, in addition to whatever appropriation the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the National Power Corporation may contribute to this undertaking.

SEC. 6. The provisions of existing orders, policies, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Order takes effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 163
DECLARING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES AS THE CENTERPIECE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 19(1), Article XIV, of the 1987 Constitution provides that: “The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry”;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6847 created the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) under the Office of the President to carry out this constitutional mandate in coordination with the various government departments and agencies and private entities;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 63 created the National, Regional, Provincial, City, Municipal, and Barangay Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils (PFSDC), which shall act as the nationwide organizational network to assist the Philippine Sports Commission in the planning, information dissemination, and actual implementation and monitoring of the National Policy and Program of “SPORTS FOR ALL”;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Sports Commission, in accordance with the National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council (NPFSDC) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), has launched the PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES as the centerpiece program of the government’s national physical fitness and sports development effort towards PHILIPPINES 2000;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Games program is envisioned to effectively address our need for a truly comprehensive grassroots sports development program, generating sports activities in the countryside and harnessing the full potential of our people to athletic excellence in line with the PHILIPPINES 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All local government units constituting the Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils pursuant to Executive Order No. 63, are hereby directed to extend their full support and active participation in the Philippine National Games.

SEC. 2. All said local government units are hereby authorized to appropriate whatever amount is necessary from their available budget for the promotion of the National Policy and Program of “SPORTS FOR ALL”, including a well-synchronized year-round calendar of sports activities and competitions culminating with the celebration of the National Games.

SEC. 3. All non-governmental organizations, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the National Sports Associations, and the private sector are hereby urged to lend their cooperation for the success of the National Games leading towards PHILIPPINES 2000.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3d day of **March**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 164
ADOPTING A REVISED COMPENSATION AND POSITION
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, in gearing up the bureaucracy to be more inspired and effective in achieving the country's development goals, it is imperative to upgrade and further rationalize the present compensation system;

WHEREAS, the streamlining policy of the government has burdened the remaining personnel with additional duties and responsibilities for which they must be properly compensated;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to update the compensation structure to keep in step with the existing economic conditions and ameliorate the plight of government personnel;

WHEREAS, recognizing the authority of the President of the Philippines under the Salary Standardization Law (R.A. 6758), the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines has issued a Joint Resolution urging the President to revise the existing Compensation and Position Classification System in the government and to implement the same initially effective January 1, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, R.A. No. 6758, P.D. No. 985 and P.D. 1597, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. *Adoption of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System.* The Compensation and Position Classification System under Joint Senate and House Resolution No. 1, series 1994, is hereby adopted, subject to the provisions of Section 14 of R.A. No. 6758 and Section 13 of P.D. No. 985.

SECTION 2. *Initial Implementation.* The Department of Budget and Management is hereby directed to implement the new salary schedule within a period of four (4) years: **PROVIDED**, That the initial implementation retroactive to January 1, 1994 shall be as follows:

- a) For civilian personnel:
 - (i) For Salary Grades 1 to 10, Eight Hundred Pesos (P800.00) per month; and
 - (ii) For Salary Grades 11 upward, Seven Hundred Pesos (P700.00) per month.
- b) For uniformed personnel of the DND and the DILG
As already authorized in Administrative Order No. 110 of the Office of the President dated February 4, 1994.

Heads of all national government departments and agencies including government owned and controlled corporations and local government units shall not grant any form of compensation adjustment in excess of the amounts herein authorized.

SECTION 3. *Integration of Transition and “Over and Above” Allowances.* The salary rates contained in the adopted Salary Schedule shall include transition allowance and “over-and-above” allowance presently authorized to be received by incumbents.

SECTION 4. *Continuation of Personnel Economic Relief Allowance and Additional Compensation.* Personnel Economic Relief Allowance and the additional compensation authorized under Administrative Order No. 53 shall continue to be paid as allowances and, not integrated into basic pay.

SECTION 5. *Funding Source.* The funding sources for the amounts necessary to implement the revised compensation and position classification system shall be as follows:

- a) For national government entities, the amount shall be charged against the appropriations set aside for the purpose in the 1994 General Appropriations Act and from savings generated from the different departments, bureaus, offices, and agencies. Thereafter, such amounts as are needed shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- b) For government-owned and/or controlled corporations (GOCCs), the amount shall come from their respective corporate funds.
- c) For local government units (LGUs), the amount shall be charged against their respective local funds.

GOCCs and LGUs which do not have adequate or sufficient funds to pay the salary increase prescribed herein shall only partially implement the established rates: PROVIDED, That any partial implementation shall be uniform and proportionate for all positions in each corporate entity or local government unit: PROVIDED, Further, that in the case of LGUs where the basic salaries of devolved national government personnel are higher than those of the existing organic LGU employees, the initial increase may be applied only to said existing LGU personnel until such time that the compensation of the LGU personnel matches that of the devolved personnel.

SECTION 6. *Applicability to Certain Constitutional Officials.* Pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII and Section 10 of Article VI of the Constitution, the compensation adjustment prescribed herein for the President, Vice-President, and Members of the House of Representatives shall take effect only after the expiration of the respective term of the present incumbents, and with respect to Senators, only after the expiration of the term of all the incumbent Senators.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Guidelines.* The Department of Budget and Management shall prepare and issue the necessary guidelines for the implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
07 MAR 1994

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 167
CREATING THE IWAHIG PENAL COLONY INTER-AGENCY STUDY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the current thrust of the national government as set forth in “Philippines 2000” requires the coordinated participation of all sectors in the economy;

WHEREAS, considering the vast resources of Puerto Princesa City and the Palawan Province as a whole, these areas can provide substantial contributions to the attainment of NIC 2000;

WHEREAS, one of the dormant resources of the province is the sprawling 34,200 hectares Iwahig Penal Colony reservation which can be harnessed into a dynamic and productive growth center;

WHEREAS, in order to attain the maximum level of the economic potential of Iwahig Colony, it is necessary to undertake a thorough study and evaluation of the area at the inter-agency level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order;

Sec. 1. Organization. There is hereby created the Iwahig Penal Colony Inter-Agency Study Committee (hereinafter called the “Committee”) under the Office of the President.

Sec. 2. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of the Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority as Chairman, and the following as members; the Secretary of Justice, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, the Secretary of Agrarian Reform, the Head of the Presidential Management Staff, the Governor of Palawan and the Mayor of Puerto Princesa City. The Chairman and Members may designate alternates to represent them in meetings of the Committee.

Sec. 3. Powers and Functions. The Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- Conduct a comprehensive study and evaluation of the potentials of the area covered by the Iwahig Penal Colony to include its forest and lowland areas, inland waters and the coastal area.
- b. Examine all possible ways of utilizing these potentials and come up with viable socio-economic enterprises including the feasibility of tapping the resources of the area for power generation provided that environmental concerns are properly addressed.
- c. Determine the participation of concerned Local Government Units (LGU’s) in the various stages of the area’s development in line with the move towards involving them in all development efforts.
- d. Prepare a development plan for the area in coordination with the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD).
- e. Submit to the President within one (1) year from the date of this Executive Order, its recommendations for the disposition and development of the Iwahig Penal Colony, including the recommended timetable for its implementation and the implementing agency/entities that will be involved.
- f. Perform such other functions as may be necessary in the pursuit of its objectives.

Sec. 4. Technical and Administrative Staff. The Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) shall provide secretariat, administrative and technical services to the Committee.

Sec. 5. Funding. The Committee shall, upon the recommendation of the Chairman, be provided with an initial budget to be determined and approved by the President.

Sec. 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 168
RULES GOVERNING THE ADMISSION AND STAY IN THE PHILIPPINES,
AS TEMPORARY VISITORS, OF CHINESE NATIONALS

WHEREAS, it is declared policy of the Government to attract and promote trade, investment and tourism as instruments of economic growth and national development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in by law, do hereby promulgate the following rules governing the entry and stay in the Philippines, as temporary visitors, of Chinese nationals who are holders of People's Republic of China (PROC), Taipei, Hongkong-British and Macao-Portuguese passports (collectively referred to as "Chinese Nationals"):

Section 1. Admission and Stay of Chinese Nationals. Chinese nationals coming to the Philippines for business or pleasure may be issued multiple entry visa valid up to six (6) months.

Section 2. Conditions/Requirements for Visa Issuances. Philippine Foreign Service establishments may issue temporary visitor's visas under Section 9 (a) of the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as amended, without prior authorization from the Department of Foreign Affairs, to Chinese nationals upon compliance with the following requirements:

- a) duly accomplished visa application form (FA form No. 2);
- b) passport valid for six months beyond the period of authorized stay in the Philippines;
- c) valid entry visa to the next port of destination or re-entry to the country of origin or residence;
- d) confirmed return or onward passage ticket;
- e) proof of bona fide status (as tourist or businessman) of applicant; and
- f) such other requirements as may be deemed necessary by the consular officer.

Section 3. Visa Fees. The following schedule of visa fees is hereby prescribed for services rendered by the Philippine Foreign Service establishment:

<u>Visa Application</u>	<u>Visa Fees</u>
a) single entry valid for three (3) months	US\$ 25.00
b) multiple entry valid for three (3) months	US\$ 50.00
c) multiple entry valid for six (6) months	US\$ 100.00

Section 4. Repealing Clause. Any executive order and other presidential issuances, administrative in nature, as well as rules and regulations, or any part thereof, which may be inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. The Department of Foreign Affairs and the Bureau of Immigration are hereby directed to issue the implementing circulars.

DONE in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 11th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 169

DECLARING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
AS THE CENTRAL BANK BOARD OF LIQUIDATORS, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 132 (E) OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 132 (e) of Republic Act No. 7653, all assets and liabilities of the Central Bank of the Philippines (“Central Bank”) created under Republic Act No. 265, as amended, which were not transferred or assumed by the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (“BSP”) shall be retained, administered, disposed of and liquidated by the Central Bank itself;

WHEREAS, certain assets and liabilities of the Central Bank were in fact not transferred to or assumed by the BSP;

WHEREAS, the Central Bank shall continue to exist as a juridical entity for the limited purpose of administering, disposing and liquidating the assets and liabilities retained by it, but for a period not exceeding twenty-five (25) years or until such time that said assets have been disposed of and said liabilities have been liquidated; and

WHEREAS, in view of the abolition of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank, there is a need for the Central Bank Board of Liquidators to be formally constituted to perform its mandated task under Section 132 (e) of Republic Act No. 7653.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. **Declaring the Continued Existence of the Central Bank as the Central Bank Board of Liquidators.** - Pursuant to Section 132 (e) of Republic Act No. 7653, the Central Bank, as a juridical entity, shall continue to exist for twenty-five (25) years or until all its assets and liabilities have been disposed of or liquidated, as the Central Bank Board of Liquidators (“Board”).

Section 2. **Place of Business.** - The Board shall have its principal place of business in Metro Manila. Unless the Board decides otherwise, it shall hold office at the present BSP office complex in the City of Manila.

Section 3. **Composition of the Board.** - The Board shall be composed of a Chairman and two (2) Members, who may be the heads or officials of an agency, office or government-owned or controlled corporation involved in the formulation or implementation of economic, financial, fiscal or monetary policies of the Government. They shall be appointed/designated by, and shall serve at the pleasure of, the President.

Section 4. **Powers and Responsibilities of the Board.** - Subject to the limitations imposed by law, the Board shall exercise and discharge the following powers and responsibilities:

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- (a) Administer, dispose of and liquidate all assets and liabilities of the Central Bank not transferred to the *BSP* and retained by the Board. In this connection the Board shall among others:
 - i. Formulate and implement a comprehensive program and issue guidelines for the disposition and liquidation of all retained assets and liabilities;
 - ii. Until finally disposed of, manage, let, conserve, and rehabilitate said assets and properties; and
 - iii. In coordination with the Secretary of Finance and the *BSP* Monetary Board, explore and employ ways and means of retiring or liquidating said liabilities through such mechanisms as compromise, remission, condonation, dation in payment, write-off, or set off, whether in whole or in part, or a combination of such modes, including the roll-over, extension, restructuring or revalidation of maturing liabilities, regardless of the amount involved, and negotiate accordingly with all its creditors with the end in view of obtaining better repayment terms and conditions therefor;
 - (b) Submit periodic reports to the President through the Secretary of Finance and the *BSP* Monetary Board as to the status of the Board's disposition and liquidation program, and such other reports as may be required by them, from time to time;
 - (c) Determine and approve the financial requirements of the Board including the annual budget for its operation, the conservation and administration of its assets, and the servicing of its liabilities especially those which shall fall due from time to time;
 - (d) Subject to the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 hereof, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman, appoint, fix the remunerations, allowances and other emoluments, and remove personnel of the Board, subject to pertinent civil service and compensation laws; *Provided*, That the Board may delegate such authority to the Chairman under such guidelines as it may determine; and
 - (e) Perform such other corporate powers necessary to attain the objectives set forth under Section 132 (e) of Republic Act No. 7653 and this Executive Order;

Section 5. **Meetings.** - The Board shall convene as frequently as necessary to discharge its responsibilities but shall meet at least once every month.

The presence of two (2) Members shall constitute a quorum: *Provided*, That all decisions of the Board shall require the concurrence of at least two (2) Members.

Section 6. **Powers and Duties of the Chairman.** - The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Board. His powers and duties shall be as follows:

- (a) To prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Board and to submit, for the consideration of the Board, the policies and measures which are necessary to carry out the objectives provided under Section 132 (e) of Republic Act No. 7653 and this Executive Order;
 - (b) To execute and administer all the policies and measures approved by the Board;
 - (c) To direct and supervise the operations and internal administration of the Board. The Chairman may delegate certain of his administrative responsibilities to other Members or officers of the Board, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board; and
 - (d) To exercise such other powers as may be vested in him by the Board.
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Section 7. Representation of the Board. - The Chairman shall be the principal representative of the Board, and in his capacity and in accordance with the instructions of the Board, he shall be empowered:

- (a) To represent the Board in all dealings with other offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government and with all other persons or entities, public or private, whether domestic, foreign, or international;
- (b) To authorize, with his signature, contracts entered into by the Board, and the annual reports, balance sheets, profit and loss statements, correspondence and other documents of the Board. The signature of the Chairman may be in facsimile, whenever appropriate;
- (c) To represent the Board, either personally or through counsel, in any legal proceedings or action; and
- (d) To delegate his power to represent the Board, as provided in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section, to other Members and officers of the Board upon his own responsibility.

Section 8. Remuneration of Members of the Board and the Chairman. - (a) Subject to existing laws, the Chairman and Members of the Board shall receive a *per diem* for every Board (or Committee thereof) meeting attended. Unless otherwise determined by the President, the amount of *per diem* shall not exceed one thousand pesos (P1,000.00), nor the sum of five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for every single month. They shall also receive such other allowances and emoluments as may be fixed by the President, subject to existing laws.

(b) The salary, allowances and other emoluments of the Chairman shall be fixed by the President of the Philippines at a sum commensurate to the importance and the responsibility attached to the position, subject to existing laws.

Section 9. Technical and Administrative Staff. - The Board shall have a technical and administrative staff to be headed by an Executive Director who shall be designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the Chairman.

The BSP shall, upon request by the Board, detail or assign such number of its personnel which may be necessary for the Board to discharge its functions pursuant to Section 132 (e) of Republic Act No. 7653 and this Executive Order.

The Board may likewise engage the services of qualified professionals as consultants subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 10. Annual Budget. - The BSP shall provide the Board with adequate funds to cover the latter's operational expenses for fiscal year 1994. Thereafter, the Board's annual budget/funding requirements shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 11. Separability Clause. - If for any reason, any section or provision of this Executive Order is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 12. Repealing Clause. - All executive issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 13. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170
RATIONALIZING AND HARMONIZING TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF AGENCIES
IN METROPOLITAN MANILA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 824, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1274, created the Metropolitan Manila Commission, among others, to establish and operate a transport and traffic center which shall direct traffic activities;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1605 vested the Metropolitan Manila Commission, among others, the power to impose fines and otherwise discipline drivers and operators of motor vehicles for violations of traffic laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in Metropolitan Manila and transferred the powers of the Land Transportation Commission and the Board of Transportation over such violations and punishment to the Metropolitan Manila Commission;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 392 dated January 9, 1990, among others, constituted the Metropolitan Manila Authority which absorbed all the powers and functions of the Metropolitan Manila Commission;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 397 dated January 9, 1991, reconstituted and strengthened the Metropolitan Manila Land Transportation Coordinating Council (MMLTCC) created under Memorandum Order No. 245 dated July 25, 1989 which had been empowered to be the sole authority with the responsibility of handling traffic management in Metropolitan Manila;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6975 (PNP LAW) gave City/Municipal Mayors the power of operational control and supervision over elements of the Philippine National Police within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code) empowered local governments units, among others, to regulate traffic on all streets and bridges within their respective boundaries;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 176 dated October 19, 1993, reaffirmed the existence of the Metropolitan Manila Land Transportation Coordinating Council as the single traffic management authority and further expanded the scope of its responsibility to include transportation services;

WHEREAS, the series of Presidential Decrees, Republic Acts, Executive and Memorandum Orders has resulted to conflicts as to which body, agency or person is responsible for traffic management in Metropolitan Manila;

WHEREAS, pending legislation of laws that would straighten out the conflicts that have evolved and in the light of the fact that the traffic problem in Metropolitan Manila has reached alarming and critical proportions, it becomes imperative to establish and institutionalize the organization and framework of operations and cooperation among the different agencies and local government units in Metropolitan Manila to ensure the systematic, orderly and continued implementation of the approved Updated Traffic and Transport Plan for Metro Manila (1993-1998);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. THE METROPOLITAN MANILA LAND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

- A. The Metropolitan Manila Land Transportation Coordinating Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall be the highest policy making body on all matters pertaining to traffic management for the area.
- B. Composition The Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Authority
Members	Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for the National Capital Region, representing the Office of the President, Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications, Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways, Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government, Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, General Manager, Metropolitan Manila Authority (Ex-Officio Member)

- C. Powers and Functions. - The Council shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- (1) Review existing laws, policies, programs, rules and regulations on traffic on land transportation for the purpose of recommending to the President or appropriate agencies and instrumentalities of government, policies and measures aimed at improving traffic and land transportation systems within Metropolitan Manila.
- Identify and resolve problems and issues arising from the implementation of existing Presidential Decrees, laws, orders, rules and regulations affecting traffic and land transportation in the area.
- Use funds specified under Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 1605 allocated by the Metropolitan Manila Authority for the Council for the operational needs and the implementation of policies and programs on traffic and land transportation management.
- Call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or any instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and -controlled corporations, and public service or utility companies for any assistance as it may deem necessary in the discharge of its duties and functions.
- (5) Encourage the support and participation of the private sector in the formulation and implementation of policies, plans, projects and efforts affecting traffic and land transportation in Metropolitan Manila.

SEC. 2. COMMITTEES. The Council shall be assisted by the following Committees whose composition and function are stated herein:

- A. Committee on Enforcement. - It shall formulate, integrate and recommend to the Council, through the Executive Director, traffic enforcement traffic plans and projects that would, among others, rationalize the deployment of traffic enforcers and improve the enforcement of traffic laws, rules and regulations. The Committee shall consist of:
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Chairman Executive Director, MMA Traffic Operations Center
Members District Traffic Commanders of:

- NCR, Traffic Management Command
- Northern Police District
- Eastern Police District
- Western Police District
- Southern Police District
- Central Police District

Chief, Law Enforcement Service, Land Transportation Office
Officer in Charge, DOTC Action Center
Heads, NGO (As the Committee Chairman may determine)

- B. Committee on Engineering. - It shall review, integrate and recommend to the Council through the Executive Director all traffic engineering-related plans and programs and assist in coordinating the improvement and maintenance of road networks and traffic facilities in order to establish an effective traffic and transportation system. The Committee shall consist of:

Chairman Director, Traffic Engineering Center
Members Director, NCR Dept. of Public Works and Highways
 Director, National Center for Transport Studies, UP
 Executive Director, MMA Traffic Operations Center
 Representatives, Public Service or Utility Companies

- C. Committee on Education and Information. - It shall formulate, integrate and recommend to the Council, through the Executive Director, traffic education and information plans and programs and monitor the implementation thereto by tasked agencies. The Committee shall consist of:

Chairman Director, National Center for Transport Studies, UP
Members Director, NCR, Department of Education, Culture and Sports
 Director, NCR, Philippine Information Agency
 Executive Director, MMA Traffic Operations Center
 District Commander, NCR Traffic Management Command
 Chief, Traffic Safety Division, Land Transportation Office
 Heads, NGO (As the Committee Chairman may determine)

- D. Committee on Urban Transport Services. - It shall assist the private sector in the development of urban transport facilities and services under the BOT/BLT schemes; monitor the progress of such projects; and recommend to the Council, through the Executive Director, policy measures that would contribute to an effective urban mass transport system. The Committee shall consist of:

Chairman	Assistant Secretary for Planning, Department of Transportation and Communications
Members	Chairman, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Director, UP - National Center for Transport Studies DGM for Planning, Metropolitan Manila Authority Heads, NGO (As the Committee Chairman may determine)

SEC. 3. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- A. Coordinating the day to day activities of the Council and directing, coordinating and integrating the tasks of the different Committees shall be the duty of an Executive Director. The General Manager, Metropolitan Manila Authority or any of the Deputy General Managers, whom the former may so designate, shall act as the Executive Director.
- B. The Executive Director shall be assisted by a Secretariat and a Traffic Management Monitoring and Evaluation Officer who shall be responsible for implementing the Traffic Enforcement Monitoring and Evaluation System (TEMES) and such other processes in place or that may be subsequently introduced.
- C. The Executive Director shall exercise the following powers and functions:

Provide technical and secretariat support to the Council;

Direct, coordinate and integrate policy measures, plans, programs and projects that may be formulated and submitted by the different committees or other instrumentalities of government for consideration and/or approval of the Council;

Direct, supervise, coordinate and control the activities of the four (4) Committees of the Council;

Establish the necessary liaison and coordinate the activities of the Council with the Metropolitan Manila Council and the respective Local Government Units in Metropolitan Manila;

Coordinate the passage of legislative measures based on the approved facilities, plans and programs of the Council in coordination with the Metropolitan Manila Council and the City/ Municipal councils within Metro Manila;

Call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government-owned-or-controlled corporations, and public service or utility companies, for any assistance as it may deem necessary in the discharge of its functions; and

Perform such other functions as the Council may direct.

SEC. 4. The Metropolitan Manila Authority shall continue to be the lead agency in the implementation of duly approved traffic and land transportation plans and programs for the area. As such, the General Manager, Metropolitan Manila Authority or any of his deputies, if he has so designated one in accordance with Section 3 hereof, shall be the Chief Operating Officer insofar as implementing traffic and land transportation plans, programs and projects for the area is concerned.

SEC. 5. The Philippine National Police, through the Traffic Management Command and the National Capital Region Command (CAPCOM) through the different Police Districts and City/ Municipal Traffic Bureaus, shall assist the Metropolitan Manila Authority in the implementation of duly approved traffic and land transportation plans for the area.

SEC. 6. Local Government Traffic Management Units shall assist the Metropolitan Manila Authority in the implementation of duly approved traffic and land transportation plans for the area.

SEC. 7. Subject to the provisions of this Executive Order, operational direction, control and supervision over all traffic enforcement personnel designated/deputized/assigned/employed by the Department of Transportation and Communications, the Metro Manila Authority, the Local Government Units, or by the other agencies involved, assigned in any given area shall be exercised by elements of the Philippine National Police. Administrative supervision over the personnel shall, however, remain with their respective mother agencies.

SEC. 8. FUNDING. - The Departments or Agencies constituting the Council shall set aside a portion of their budget to meet the Council's administrative and operational requirements.

SEC. 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All issuances, orders, rules and regulations or provisions thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 171
CREATING A LINGAYEN GULF COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, 1993-1998 (MTPDP) as approved by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board, shall be the basis for all development activities to be undertaken by the government during said plan period;

WHEREAS, an important component of the MTPDP is the Environment and Natural Resources Master Plan of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources which adhered to the principles set forth in the Agenda 21 of the United Nations Councils for Environment and Development (UNCED) to emphasize the need for attaining economic growth and equity through sustainable utilization of resources;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 156 declared the Lingayen Gulf as an environmentally critical area primarily to facilitate the implementation of the Lingayen Gulf Plan;

WHEREAS, aside from developing the Lingayen Gulf, and its environs, there is a need to simultaneously address the developmental concerns of the surrounding coastal and non-coastal municipalities on matters of environmental protection, poverty alleviation, local autonomy, eco-tourism and sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS, to enable the government to undertake measures to conserve the natural resources and promote the accelerated socio-economic development of the area consistent with the concept of sustainable development, there is a need to create a body that shall formulate short- and long-term plans for the area covered herein as well as address certain policy, planning and implementation issues, and to effectively and efficiently implement the Plan as well as to coordinate and integrate all environment and natural resources management of related government and non-government activities in the Lingayen Gulf area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There is hereby created under the Office of the President a Presidential Commission to be called the Lingayen Gulf Coastal Area Management Commission (LG-CAMC), hereinafter referred to as the Commission, composed of the following:

Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources	- Chairman
Secretary of Agriculture	- Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Department of Interior and Local Government	Member
Secretary of Department of Trade and Industry	Member
Secretary of Department of Tourism	- Member
Director General of National Economic and Development Authority	- Member
Secretary of National Defense	Member
Head, Presidential Management Staff	- Member
CORD for Region I	Member
Chairman, Regional Development Council of Region I	Member

Governor of Pangasinan	Member
Governor of La Union	Member
Mayors of the concerned Local Government Units	Member

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall initially serve as Technical Secretariat of the Commission to be headed by an Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. The Commission shall be an advisory body to the President and shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Formulate a Ten-Year Lingayen Gulf Coastal Area Master Plan by June 30, 1994 and a Twenty-Year Integrated Master Plan for the whole area covering the Lingayen Gulf, its surrounding coastal municipalities by December 30, 1994, in consideration of the Plan endorsed by the Regional Development Council (RDC), Region 1, based on the following guidelines:

Protection of its ecological balance, enhancement of its environment and preservation of the area's natural beauty;

Maximum enjoyment and easy access by ordinary people to public areas;

Rationale land-use and zonation scheme considering that the Lingayen Gulf is a national treasure;

Provision for improved and adequate service infrastructures such as power, water, communications, and waste treatment facilities especially in the coastal area;

Overall greening and reforestation to reduce the threat of soil erosion and damage to scarce marine resources;

Enhancement of agriculture productivity and local livelihood opportunities as an alternative to industrial employment;

Provision of a design which shall establish and institutionalize within the Lingayen Gulf, the following:

- a. an incentive system (based on the "polluter pays" principle) and the internalization of social externalities arising from pollution, which shall motivate polluting firms to comply with environmental laws;
- b. an integrated environmental permit and licensing system (covering the regulatory areas of pollution control, land use planning/zoning and environmental laws); and
- c. a cost-effective environmental information.

Provision of capability building geared towards common property management scheme;

(9) Provision for anti-illegal fishing plan;

(10) Provision for a viable peace and order plan

Both plans shall include a Comprehensive Investment program, Capability-Building Program for affected local government units as well as the coordinated establishment of the following in the subject area:

- i. a nature center
 - ii. a people's center
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- iii. a conference and meeting center
- iv. a flea market destination (aquatic products/livelihood); and
- v. a tourist destination.

Both Plans shall be submitted to the President for approval.

- b. promulgate and prescribe policies, rules and regulations that will facilitate the effective and efficient management of the gulf through:

the control of water, air and land pollutions and the proper disposal of solid waste, as well as toxic and hazardous substance;

- 2. the conservation of the Gulf's renewable resources, biological diversity, and endangered species and habitats;
 - 3. the establishment and management of an integrated Protected Areas System (PAS) for wildlife sanctuaries and refuge, marine parks, and biosphere reserves;
 - 4. the preservation and enhancement of the natural aesthetic attraction of the gulf and its immediate environs; and
 - 5. the conservation and management of uplands and other linked habitats to which the ecological state of the Lingayen Gulf is closely interlinked;
- c. assist the local government units concerned in undertaking various planning activities to develop short term- and long-term strategies for environmental protection, tourism development, attracting business investment, social development, and institutional building, in line with the developmental guidelines stated above and to integrate all national and local plans relative to the development of the subject area;
 - d. to adopt a process of maximum consultation with the local government units concerned and all interest groups in the localities to ensure that the residents' needs, concerns and ideas are considered in the formulation and implementation of the said plans, development guidelines and municipal ordinances;
 - e. Study and review policy measures that shall promote and address the concerns on environmental protection, poverty alleviation, local autonomy, eco-tourism, and sustainable development, of the subject area;
 - f. Recommend (i) legislation to conserve the natural resources and promote the accelerated socio-economic development of the area; (ii) zoning ordinances to the local government units concerned in consonance with the Plans approved by the President, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.
 - g. coordinate with the various line agencies, LGUs, and other parties concerned regarding the implementation of demonstration projects such as livelihood and rehabilitation;
 - h. perform any other functions as may be assigned by the President.

Section 3. There shall be one representative from each of the following private sectors, namely: Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), religious, business, and agricultural shall serve as consultants to the Commission.

The private sectors mentioned are strongly enjoined to extend their support particularly to conservation activities in the Lingayen Gulf. They may:

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- a) Initiate and undertake socio-economic activities in the Gulf area consistent with the Plans formulated by the Commission; and
 - b) Assist in the monitoring and evaluation of government program implementation, service delivery and disposition of public funds.

Section 4. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14, Book II of Executive Order No. 292 (1987), lands of the private domain of the Government located in the subject area, the use of which is not otherwise directed by law, are hereby reserved from lease, sale or other disposition. Such reserved lands shall be used for developmental purposes in accordance with the Plans approved by the President.

Section 5. The Commission may call upon any government agency, office or bureau for assistance in the discharge of, and from committees to facilitate the performance of, its functions and responsibilities.

Section 6. The Commission shall submit monthly reports of its activities to the Office of the President.

Section 7. The amount of Five Million Pesos (₱5,000,000.00), to be drawn equally from the President's Contingent Fund and funds of the DENR, shall be released for the operations of the Commission and initial project implementation for 1994. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals under the Office of the President.

Section 8. All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Section 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 172

INCREASING THE MINIMUM TARIFF RATE FROM ZERO TO THREE PERCENT ON
ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978
(PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464), AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, there is a need to further simplify the tariff structure by narrowing the tariff band, consistent with the objectives of the Tariff Reform Program;

WHEREAS, the levels of protection must be made more even within and across sectors;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all sectors must share in the cost of providing government services;

WHEREAS, there are a number of articles that currently have a zero duty;

NOW, THEREFORE. I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder, shall pay three per cent (3%) rate of import duty. Provided, that the rates of duty indicated for 1995 shall continue to be levied, imposed and collected in the succeeding years unless otherwise provided.

HDG NO.	HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF DUTY (%)	
			1994	1 JULY 1995
05.08	0508.00 00	Coral and similar materials, unworked or simply prepared but not otherwise worked; shell of molluscs, crustaceans or echinoderms and cuttlebone, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape, powder and waste thereof.	3	3
05.09	0509.00 00	Natural sponges of animal origin.	3	3
14.01		Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily for plaiting (for example: bamboos, rattans, reeds, rushes, osier, raffia, cleaned, bleached or dyed cereal straw, and lime bark)		
	1401.20 00	- Rattans	3	3
25.10		Natural calcium phosphates, natural aluminum calcium phosphates and phosphatic chalk.		
	2510.10 00	- Unground	3	3
	2510.20 00	Ground	3	3
31.10	3101.00 00	Animal or vegetable fertilisers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilisers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products.	3	3
31.02		Mineral or chemical fertilisers, nitrogenous		
	3102.10 00	- Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution.	3	3

HDG NO.	HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF DUTY (%)	
			1994	1 JULY 1995
		- Ammonium sulphate; double salts and mixtures of ammonium sulphate and ammonium nitrate		
	3102.21 00	- - Ammonium sulphate	3	3
	3102.29 00	- - Other	3	3
	3102.40 00	- Mixtures of ammonium nitrate with calcium carbonate or other inorganic non-fertilising substances	3	3
	3102.50 00	- Sodium nitrate	3	3
	3102.60 00	- Double salts and mixtures of calcium nitrate and ammonium nitrate	3	3
	3102.70 00	- Calcium cyanamide		
	3102.80 00	- Mixture or urea and ammonium nitrate in aqueous or ammoniacal solution	3	3
	3102.90 00	- Other, including mixtures not specified in the foregoing subheadings		
31.03		Mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic.		
	3103.20 00	- Basic slag	3	3
	3103.90 00	- Other	3	3
31.04		Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic		
	3104.10 00	- Carnallite, sylvite and other crude natural potassium salts	3	3
	3104.20 00	- Potassium chloride	3	3
	3104.30 00	- Potassium sulphate	3	3
	3104.90 00	- Other	3	3
44.01		Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms; wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms.		
		- Wood in chips or particles:	3	3
	4401.21 00	- - Coniferous	3	3
	4401.22 00	- - Non-coniferous	3	3
44.03		Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared.		
	4403.10	- Treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives:		
	4403.10 90	- Other	3	3
	4403.20	- Other, coniferous		
	4403.20 90	- - - Other	3	3
	4403.31	- - Dark Red Meranti, Light Red Meranti and Meranti Bakau:		
	4403.31 90	- - - Other	3	3
	4403.32	- - White Lauan, White Meranti, White Seraya, Yellow Meranti and Alan:		
	4403.32 90	- - - Other	3	3
	4403.33	- Keruing, Ramin, Kapur, Teak, Jong-kong, Merbau, Jelutong and Kempas:		
	4403.33 90	- - - Other	3	3

HDG NO.	HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF DUTY (%)	
			1994	1995
	4403.34	-- Okoume, Obeche, Sapelli, Sipo, Acajou d' Afrique, Makore and Iroko:		
	4403.34 90	--- Other	3	3
	4403.35	-- Tiama, Mansonia, Ilomba, Dibetou, Limba and Azobe:		
	4403.35 90	--- Other	3	3
	4403.91	-- Of oak:		
	4403.91 90	--- Other	3	3
	4403.92	-- Of beech:		
	4403.92 90	--- Other	3	3
	4403.99	-- Other:		
	4403.99 90	--- Other	3	3
84.07		Spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines:		
		- Marine propulsion engines:		
	8407.29 00	-- Other	3	3
		- Reciprocating piston engines of a kind used for the propulsion of vehicles of Chapter 87:		
	8407.31	-- Of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cc:		
	8407.31 10	--- For power tillers	3	3
	8407.32	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 250 cc:		
	8407.32 20	--- For power tillers	3	3
	8407.33	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 250 cc but not exceeding 1,000 cc:		
	8407.33 20	--- For power tillers	3	3
	8407.34	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1,000 cc:		
	8407.34 20	--- For power tillers of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,100 cc:	3	3
	8407.90	-- Other engines		
	8407.90 10	--- Rated at 25 hp and below	3	3
84.08		Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semi-diesel engines)		
	8408.10 00	- Marine propulsion engines	3	3
	8408.20	- Engines of a kind used for the propulsion of vehicles of Chapter 87:		
	8408.20 20	--- For power tillers	3	3
	8408.90	- Other engines:	3	3
	8408.90 10	--- Rated at 25 hp and below	3	3
85.02		Electric generating sets and rotary converters.		
		- Generating sets with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semi-diesel engines):		
	8502.11 00	-- Of an output not exceeding 75 kVA	3	10
	8502.12 00	-- Of an output exceeding 75 kVA but not exceeding 375 kVA	3	10

HDG NO.	HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF DUTY (%)	
			1994	1995
	8502.13 00	- - Of an output exceeding 375 kVA	3	10
	8502.20 00	- Generating sets with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engines	3	10
	8502.30 00	- Other generating sets	3	10
89.04	8904.00 00	Tugs and pusher craft	3	3
89.06	8906.00	Other vessels, including warships and lifeboats other than rowing boats		
	8906.00 10	- - - Warships	3	3
89.08	8908.00 00	Vessels and other floating structures for breaking up	3	3

SEC. 2. The new minimum three percent tariff rate herein provided shall not apply to the Philippine Schedule of tariff reductions under the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Scheme for the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) which is embodied in Executive Order No. 145.

SEC. 3. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the aforementioned articles which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SEC. 4. **REPEALING CLAUSE** - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. **EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 173

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 153, SERIES OF 1994, ENTITLED “MODIFYING THE RATES OF DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM NINETY PER CENTUM (90%) MARGIN OF PREFERENCE ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE NESTLE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL JOINT VENTURE (AIJV) PROJECTS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE REVISED BASIC AGREEMENT ON AIJV”

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 153, dated 25 January 1994, was issued implementing the minimum ninety per centum (90%) margin of Preference on certain products included in the NESTLE-ASEAN Industrial Joint Venture (AIJV) Projects;

WHEREAS, a review of the said Executive Order disclosed certain omissions and typographical errors in both the body and annex of the Executive Order;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the errors be rectified to prevent confusion that may arise in the implementation of the Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The fourth WHEREAS of Executive Order No. 153 dated 25 January 1994, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, the commercial production of non-dairy creamer by Nestle ASEAN THAILAND, Ltd. started in November 1993; that of “Smarties” chocolate dragees and “Kitkat” chocolate wafers by Nestle Asean (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. in December 1993; and that of soya-based milk powder by P.T. Nestle ASEAN INDONESIA in January 1994;”

SEC. 2. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 153 dated 25 January 1994, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SECTION 1.** The article specifically listed in Annex “A” as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum ninety per centum (90%) MOP as specified in column 8 of said Annex “A”. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the AIJV Preferential Tariff in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as specified in columns 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Annex “A”.

SEC. 3. Annex “A” of Executive Order No. 153 dated 25 January 1994, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Annex "A"

ARTICLES GRANTED 90% MARGIN OF PREFERENCE UNDER THE NESTLE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL JOINT VENTURE (AIJV)

HS Code	Description	Rate of Duty (%)					MOP (%)	Applicable AIJV Preferential Tariff (%)				
		1 Nov	1 Dec	1 Jan	1 July			1 Nov	1 Dec	1 Jan	1 July	
		1993	1993	1994	1994	1995		1993	1993	1994	1994	1995
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
ex 1909.90 00	Chocolate dragees	50	50	50	50	50	80	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
1901.90 10	Soya-based milk powder	10	10	10	10	10	90	-	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
ex 1905.30 00	Chocolate Wafers	40	40	40	35	30	80	-	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.0
ex 2106.90 90	Non-Dairy creamer	40	40	40	35	30	90	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.0

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

Source: Presidential Management Staff

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 174
DESIGNATION OF CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (CLARK FIELD) AS THE
FUTURE SITE OF A PREMIER PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the recent IATA forecast indicates that more than 376 million enplanements (51.1% of world total) will be in the Asia-Pacific by the year 2010, a fourfold increase from 1990;

WHEREAS, Asian countries have already embarked on ambitious airport infrastructure development and expansion projects to alleviate congestion in airspace, runways and terminals, and to keep pace with rapid economic development;

WHEREAS, the conversion development program of the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BASECON) for the former Clark Air Base revolves around the establishment of an international aviation complex that will involve the expansion of existing aviation facilities into world class and globally competitive standards;

WHEREAS, Clark Air Base with its existing runways and airport area of 2,200 hectares provides sufficient area for phased expansion to serve the air traffic demand of the 21st Century;

WHEREAS, with the Philippine Centennial celebrations scheduled at Clark by 1998, the airport complex must be operational by the fourth quarter of 1997;

WHEREAS, the development of Clark Aviation Complex as a new international gateway to the Philippines, together with its accompanying expressway and mass-transit rail access systems will attract economic and tourism activities towards Central Luzon and the North Luzon Growth Quadrangle, thereby relieving Metro Manila of further increase in migration, congestion, pollution, traffic and other urban ills;

WHEREAS, the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and Clark Development Corporation (CDC) have committed the establishment of an international airport at Clark to its local and international lessors and investors;

WHEREAS, this new international airport is viewed by the international community, particularly those in the Asia-Pacific group, as a clear and loud signal that the Philippines is back in business;

WHEREAS, the national leadership is cognizant of the need to accelerate the development of the country's international airports, and has envisioned the former Clark Air Base to be the site of a premier international airport, as well as of modern industrial area and a center for investment, tourism, trade and business for Luzon and Asia, as contemplated in Section 2.1.2 of Executive Order No. 62, Series of 1993;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The designation of Clark Special Economic Zone (Clark Field) as the future site of a premier **International Airport** upon completion and development of the aviation complex situated therein which is now being undertaken by the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BASECON) and the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) conformably with the provisions of RA 7227, otherwise known as the Bases Conversion Act of 1992;

2. The Bases Conversion Development Authority (BASECON) and the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) shall implement the phased development of the Clark Aviation Complex, together with its expressway and rail access systems in accordance with its Master Plan with the support of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC), and Philippine National Railways (PNR).

Moreover, BASECON shall be tasked with the following:

- a. Review and recommend to the President a Master Development Plan for the Clark Aviation Complex providing it with world class facilities and high service standards.
- b. Recommend the organizational structure of a proposed Clark International Airport Corporation which shall have jurisdiction over the operations of the entire Clark aviation complex.
- c. Formulate a comprehensive phased implementation program for Clark Airport Development Project in accordance with the Master Plan, and with an initial opening date capacity of 14 Million passengers by 1998.
- d. Develop the Terms of Reference under public and private partnership for the construction and operation of the Clark Aviation Complex.
- e. Recommend to the President other essential priority programs and infrastructure projects that will support the operations of Clark International Airport.
- f. Require the assistance of other government agencies and enlist the support of the private sector for this undertaking.

The funds necessary for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against the Budget of the Bases Conversion Development Authority and augmented if necessary, from the Contingent Fund authorized under the General Appropriations Act of 1994. This may also be augmented by foreign assistance grants to be sourced by the National Economic Development Authority, the Coordinating Council of the Philippine Assistance Program, the Department of Transportation and Communications and the Bases Conversion Development Authority.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175
CREATING A NORTHWESTERN LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, The Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan for 1993-1998 has identified the development of the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NWLQG) comprising the Laoag-San Fernando-Dagupan-Baguio area as a component strategy towards agri-industrial development;

WHEREAS, the development of the NWLQG into major industrial area is supportive of the government's industrial dispersal policy and concern for accelerated socio-economic growth and development of the Northwestern Luzon Area;

WHEREAS, the coordinative and management mechanism for the planning, implementation and monitoring of the NWLQG was already approved by the Regional Development Council (RDC) I and the Cordillera Executive Board (CEB) and is found to be within the framework of the government's decentralization and regionalization policy as provided under Executive Order Nos. 363 and 505;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the RDC and CEB approval of the management structure which led to the organization and operation of the existing structure for managing, planning and implementation activities in the NWLQG, there is a need to strengthen the mechanism for the overall direction, coordination and supervision of the NWLQG development efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. NWLQG Commission. There is hereby created under the Office of the President, a Presidential Commission to be called the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NWLQG) Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall be responsible for the overall policy direction, coordination and supervision of the entire NWLQG Development efforts. It shall be composed of the following members:

Secretary of Trade and Industry
CORDs for Region I and CAR
Secretary of Tourism
Secretary of Agriculture
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources
Secretary of Transportation and Communication
Secretary of Public Works and Highways
Secretary of Energy
NEDA Director General
The Presidential Assistant for Regional Development
The Chairman of Regional Development Council I
The Chairman of the Cordillera Executive Board
The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Norte
The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Sur

The Provincial Governor of La Union
The Provincial Governor of Pangasinan
The Provincial Governor of Benguet
The City Mayor of Dagupan City
The City Mayor of Baguio City
The PCCI Chairman of Region I
The PCCI Chairman of CAR
The BCDA Chairman

NGO Regional Federation Representative each for Regions I and CAR to be appointed by the President

The Commission shall be chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry and co-chaired by the CORDs for Regions I and CAR.

The Commission shall have the following functions:

- a) Review and submit to the President, for approval, the NWLGQ Master Plan and Development Program;
- b) Provide overall direction, coordination and supervision in the planning, implementation and monitoring of all program/project components and development activities of the NWLGQ Development Program in consultation and coordination with the Joint RDC-CEB Interregional Consultative Council;
- c) Cause the update, refinement and endorsement of the NWLGQ plans, investment programs and projects within the context of the NWLGQ Master Plan and the Regional Development and Physical Framework Plans and Investment Programs of Region I and CAR.
- d) Cause the preparation of feasibility studies for and financing of the various projects identified for the NWLGQ;
- e) Encourage the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in planning and implementing the various projects under the NWLGQ Development Program;
- f) Organize the Program Management Office (PMO), define its organizational set-up, establish its staffing pattern as well as internal operating systems, and procedures;
- g) Review and confirm contracts entered into by the Executive Director of the Program Management Office (PMO);
- h) Review and endorse to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) the annual budget of the NWLGQ Development Program including the Work and Financial Plan for the operation of the PMO;
- i) Submit to the President, progress reports on the NWLGQ Development Program and such other reports as may be required.

Section 2. Program Management Office. The Program Management Office (PMO) shall serve as the implementing arm as well as technical and administrative secretariat of the Commission, and as such, shall undertake the day to day activities of the NWLGQ Development Program. It shall be headed by an Executive Director to be appointed by the President. The DTI Regional Office shall provide office space and technical and secretariat support to the Commission on an interim basis until such time that a staffing pattern for the PMO shall have been determined and approved by the Commission. Fiscal austerity will be observed strictly.

The Program Management Office shall perform the following functions:

- a) Coordinate with implementing bodies including local government units, line agencies, financing institutions, non-government organizations and other concerned entities in the updating, refinement, endorsement and implementation of the NWLGQ Master Plan and investment programs and projects;
- b) Coordinate with the Local Development Councils (LCDs) in the implementation of policy decisions promulgated by the Commission;
- c) Coordinate the preparation of feasibility studies of the project components of the NWLGQ Development Program and the evaluation and financing of feasible projects;
- d) Coordinate the preparation of the annual budgetary requirements of the NWLGQ Development Program and submit the same to the Commission;
- e) Undertake periodic review and evaluation of the NWLGQ Development Program and shall, for the purpose, design and operate a program implementation, monitoring and evaluation system consistent with the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES) and enhanced with Planning Programming Budgeting Monitoring and Evaluation (PPBME) and impact evaluation and;
- f) Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the Commission may direct.

Section 3. Role of National Line Agencies/Local Government Units, NGOs/PS, GOCCs. National line agencies/government owned and controlled corporations/local government units/non-government organizations/private sector, shall, as appropriate, serve as implementing entities of the Commission. In case where national line agencies are designated as lead implementing entity, implementation shall be undertaken in close coordination with concerned local government units.

Section 4. Joint Inter-regional Consultative Council. There is hereby created a Joint Inter-regional Consultative Council which shall be composed of three (3) representatives from the Regional Development Council (RDC) I and a counterpart group from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to be composed of three (3) representatives of the Cordillera Executive Board (CEB) and three (3) representatives of regional line agencies (RLAs) whose head offices are members of the NEDA Board, all of whom shall be chosen from among themselves. The Joint Inter-regional Consultative Council shall serve as the Commission's inter-regional advisory group.

Section 5. Role of Local Development Councils. The Local Development Councils of the program area shall perform the following functions:

- a) Approve the respective local components of the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs under the NWLGQ Development Program;
 - b) Monitor and conduct periodic review of the local project component with respect to achievement of goals, objectives and targets of the NWLGQ Development Program;
 - c) Coordinate and facilitate the preparation of site specific development plans, programs and projects;
 - d) Coordinate the passage of municipal and/or provincial resolutions declaring the areas for industrial and tourism use, if not yet declared or classified as such;
 - e) Coordinate with the Provincial/Regional Land Use Committees and Sanggunians concerned on the review and approval of the land use and zonation plans of NWLGQ component sites;
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- f) Spearhead the coordination of area inter-agency activities within the area/province of jurisdiction in the implementation of the NWLGQ Development Program; and
- g) Perform such other functions as the PMO may request.

Section 6. Operational Requirements. The amount of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00), to be drawn from the DTI funds for Locally-Funded Projects, shall be released for the initial operational requirement of the Commission for the year 1994. Appropriations for the succeeding years for the operations of the PMO shall be incorporated in the budget proposals under Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Section 7. The Term of the Commission and the Program Management Office. The Commission and Program Management Office shall have a term corresponding to the implementation period of the NWLGQ Development Program. The NEDA Board is hereby directed to conduct a regular review and evaluation of this management and coordinating structure and recommend revisions as may be deemed necessary.

Section 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). [*Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300*]. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 176
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NATIONAL YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NYDP) 1994-1998

WHEREAS, it is the government's policy to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and to encourage their involvement in national development and civic activities;

WHEREAS, activities to mainstream the youth in nation-building should comprise part of the Administration's blue print of action, or the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan;

WHEREAS, the President has directed the formulation of the National Youth Development Plan which shall serve as the legacy of this Administration for the youth and a vital component of the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan;

WHEREAS, the Social Development Committee under the NEDA Board and the Cabinet Cluster C approved the National Youth Development Plan during its joint meeting on 15 March 1994 and subsequently, by the President and the Cabinet during its meeting on 19 April 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Youth Development Plan, which is attached, hereto as "Annex A", is hereby approved

SECTION 2. The Presidential Council for Youth Affairs (PCYA) shall coordinate the implementation of the Plan, in collaboration with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and the concerned government agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs). The PCYA may request the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) to assist in monitoring the Plan's implementation at the regional level. Non-government and Private Volunteer Organizations are likewise enjoined to assist in the monitoring and implementation of the Plan.

SECTION 3. All concerned agencies and instrumentalities identified in the Plan, hereto attached as "Annex B," are hereby directed to fully discharge their respective functions and responsibilities.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of May, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

References: "National Youth Development Plan (NYDP) 1994-1998" and "Roles of Agencies in the Implementation of the National Youth Development Plan (NYDP) 1994-1998"

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 177
ESTABLISHING THE WORLD EXPO 2002 PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government envisions that by the year 2002, the Philippines shall be moving towards becoming a newly-industrialized country;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government further envisions that by the year 2010, through the approved 20-Year Tourism Master Plan, five million foreign nationals shall have visited the country;

WHEREAS, the private sector has organized the World Expo 2002 Philippines Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the “Foundation”) for planning, implementing, operationalizing and managing the hosting by the country of the World Expo 2002;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, with the end in view of achieving its aforementioned visions, should support the initiatives of the Foundation in hosting the World Expo 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the hosting of World Expo 2002 would substantially increase the country’s foreign exchange earnings, tourist arrivals, and trade investment opportunities, generate domestic employment, hasten the development of tourist destinations, accelerate infrastructure improvement, and heighten world awareness of the history and culture of the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. World Expo 2002 Philippines Commission. A World Expo 2002 Philippines Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) is hereby established under the Office of the President, to be composed as follows:

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| a. Secretary of Trade and Industry | – Chairman |
| b. Chairman, World Expo 2002 Philippine Foundation | – Co-Chairman |
| c. A representative each from the Office of the President, the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Budget and Management, Tourism, Public Works and Highways, Transportation and Communications, and the National Economic and Development Authority | – Members |
| d. Chairman, Bases Conversion and Development Authority | – Member |
| e. President, Clark Development Corporation | – Member |
| f. Chairman, National Centennial Commission | – Member |
| g. General Manager, Philippine Tourism Authority | – Member |
| h. Commissioner General, World Expo 2002 Philippines Commission | – Member |

The Commission shall have four (4) private sector representatives, two (2) of whom are the President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and President, Philippine Airlines. The other two (2) private sector representatives shall be designated by the President.

The Commission shall also have representatives from the Local Government Units, who shall host the World Expo as may be determined by the Commission. The Local Government Unit representatives shall also be designated by the President.

The Executive Secretary shall designate the permanent and alternate representatives from the Office of the President and the Departments.

SEC. 2. Functions of the Commission. The Commission shall be an advisory body to the President and shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Act as the coordinating body between the private sector and various government agencies to ensure that all directives subsequently issued to the said agencies for the planning, operationalization and management of the World Expo 2002 shall be implemented;
- b. Prepare the criteria for the site and recommend to the President the appropriate site for the World Expo 2002;
- c. Select the theme and theme message of the World Expo 2002 as may be acceptable to the Bureau of International Expositions;
- d. Conduct drives and campaigns to secure and raise funds for use in the planning of World Expo 2002 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- e. Accept or receive donations and other conveyances by gratuitous title of funds, materials and services for use in the planning, operationalization, and management of the World Expo 2002 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- f. Prepare the Master Plan for the World Expo 2002;
- g. Ensure that the Master Plan for the World Expo 2002 shall harmonize with the construction plans of the National Government, the National Centennial Commission, the private sector, and the local government units to be affected;
- h. Undertake all other measures necessary for the successful implementation of the said Master Plan;
- i. Plan, operationalize, and manage Philippine participation in the following World Expositions: 1) Budapest, Hungary in 1996; 2) Lisbon, Portugal in 1998; and, 3) Hamburg, Germany in 2000; and,
- j. Call on any department, bureau or office of the Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, to render such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its functions.

SEC. 3. Report to the President. Relative to the performance of its mandated functions, the Commission shall submit periodic reports to the President and a final report within reasonable period after closing rights of the World Expo 2002.

SEC. 4. Cessation of the Commission. The Commission shall cease to exist sixty (60) days after the submission of its final report provided in Section 3 hereof, unless otherwise ordered by the President.

SEC. 5. Commissioner General. The President shall designate a Commissioner General to the World Expo 2002 Philippines Commission. The Commission General shall have at least five (5) years of experience of direct involvement in the World Exposition activities.

SEC. 6. Duties of the Commissioner General. In accordance with the rules of the Bureau of International Exposition, the Commissioner General shall have the following duties:

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- a) Ensure that all commitments of participants are duly complied with in accordance with the provisions of the 1928 Convention, as amended;
 - b) See to the due and proper execution of all Participation Contract;
 - c) Secure and enhance the interests of all participants;
 - d) Arbitrate, conciliate and mediate conflicts between or among participants; and,
 - e) Perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned to him by the Commission.

SEC. 7. Secretariat. The Commission, through the Commissioner General, shall organize a Secretariat which shall be headed by an Executive Officer.

The Secretariat shall have such number of personnel as may be necessary for the efficient and effective performance of its functions. All agencies of the government represented in the Commission shall assign or detail an employee each to form the Secretariat. The Commission shall provide the Commissioner General and the members of the Secretariat with such honoraria or allowances as may be allowed by law and at rates consistent with those prescribed pursuant to the Unified Compensation and Position Classification System established under R.A. No. 6758.

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is hereby directed to initially provide the Commission an office space at the DFA Building along Roxas Boulevard, until such time that the Commission moves to its designated headquarters.

SEC. 8. Funding. An amount of FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) to be sourced from the President's Contingent Fund shall be used to augment the initial operating expenses of the Commission for 1994. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be included in the General Appropriations Act and contributions from the respective government agencies concerned.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. All Orders and issuances or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 16th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 178

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 158, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1994, WHICH CREATED
A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO FORMULATE SHORT AND LONG-TERM PLANS
FOR THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES
IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BANAUE, HUGDUAN, MAYOYAO, AND KIANGAN

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 158, dated February 18, 1994, which created a Presidential Commission to formulate short and long-term plans for the restoration and preservation of the Ifugao Rice Terraces in the areas covered therein, by including the municipalities of Hingyon, Asipulo, Tinoc, Lagawe, and Aguineldo in its coverage.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 179

**PROMINENT DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG IN ALL BUILDINGS, ESTABLISHMENTS,
AND HOMES FROM 28 MAY 1994 TO 12 JUNE 1994 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution provides that the National Flag should be consecrated and honored by the people and recognized by law;

WHEREAS, the National Flag, which symbolizes patriotism, love of country, and sense of nationhood and embodies the aspirations and sentiments of the Filipino People in their unceasing quest for freedom and independence, can be instrumental in raising the level of socio-civic consciousness of the Filipinos, especially among the youth;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 374 dated 06 March 1965 declared 28 May of each year as Flag Day, to commemorate the first unfurling of the Philippine Flag on Philippine soil at Alapan, Imus, Cavite on 28 May 1898;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Executive Order No. 137 dated 07 January 1965, mandates the display of the National Flag on national holidays, or special holidays as the President may proclaim not only in all public buildings, official residences, public squares and schools but whenever practicable, in all private buildings and homes, from sunrise to sunset; and,

WHEREAS, the period spanning the commemoration of the historic Flag Day on May 28 and the Independence Day on June 12, are opportune time for all Filipinos to collectively reflect on the significance of the National Flag, in the light of the forthcoming centennial celebration of the Philippine Independence in 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the laws of the land, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Display of the National Flag. All government departments, agencies, offices, government owned and controlled corporations, instrumentalities and the local government units, shall prominently display the National Flag from 28 May 1994 to 12 June 1994 and every year thereafter, in all public buildings, government institutions and official residences.

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, in coordination with the private sector, non-government organizations, and socio-civic groups, shall enjoin the prominent display of the National Flag in all public squares and, whenever practicable, in all private buildings and homes.

SEC. 2. Allocation of Funds. In support of the 1994 Independence Day Celebration, all concerned agencies may allocate such amount as may be necessary to defray expenditures that may be incurred from participation in the said activity, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 180
STRENGTHENING THE EXPORT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (EDC) AMENDING
FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER (E.O.) NO. 110,
FURTHER AMENDING E.O. NO. 98

WHEREAS, a strong growth of exports is the linchpin for economic recovery;

WHEREAS, the Export Development Council was created as government's commitment to support Proclamation No. 167 (1993) declaring export development as the key to a Philippine balanced agri-industrial economic growth;

WHEREAS, a more direct link with the President will strengthen the authority of the Council;

WHEREAS, human resource development is needed to improve the productivity of the workforce of the export industry;

WHEREAS, increasing the Council's membership to include the Secretary of Labor and Employment is necessary to strengthen the resolve to improve productivity;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an additional representation from the private labor sector to achieve balanced representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of EO 98 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section. 3. Powers and Functions. – The Council shall:

- a. Recommend approval of the Philippine Export Development Plan; coordinate, monitor and assess the implementation thereof, and, when necessary, recommend appropriate adjustments thereon in the light of changing conditions in both the domestic and international environment;
- b. Periodically review and assess the country's export performance, problems and prospects;
- c. Identify the main bottlenecks, problem areas and constraints in all areas/sectors/activities influencing the development of exports, including but not limited to, such matters as policy framework, physical infrastructure, finance, specialized support services, production, promotion and marketing;
- d. Report directly to the President on Specific measures required to remove the bottlenecks/problems constraining the development of exports in any of the areas mentioned in (c).”

SECTION 2. Section 1 of EO 110 further amending EO 98 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. Composition - The Export Development Council (“Council”) shall be composed of the following:

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| a. Secretary of Trade and Industry | -- Chairman |
| b. Secretary of Finance | -- Vice-Chairman |
| c. Secretary of Agriculture | -- Member |
| d. Secretary of Foreign Affairs | -- Member |
| e. Secretary of Labor and Employment | -- Member |
| f. Secretary of Science & Technology | -- Member |
| g. Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority | -- Member |
| h. Governor of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas | -- Member |
| i. Presidential Assistant for Visayas | -- Member |
| j. Presidential Assistant for Mindanao | -- Member |
| k. Ten (10) Representatives of the Private Sector” | -- Members |

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of June, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 181
PRESCRIBING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT OF GROSS SALES
AND/OR RECEIPTS FOR VALUE ADDED TAX PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 103(t) of the National Internal Revenue Code (the “Tax Code”) as amended by R.A. 7716, provides that the President shall, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Finance, set the threshold amount of gross sales and/or receipts of transactions to be exempted from value added tax;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Finance has recommended that the threshold amount be set at FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and in conformity with the requirement set forth in Section 103(t) of the Tax Code, as amended, do hereby declare that all transactions involving sale or lease of goods or properties or the performance of services other than those mentioned in subparagraphs (a) to (s) of the aforementioned section of the Tax Code, the gross annual sales and/or receipts of which do not exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) are exempt from value added tax, **provided however**, that any person covered by the foregoing exemption may apply for registration as a VAT registered person not later than ten (10) days before the beginning of the taxable quarter and shall pay the annual registration fee prescribed in Section 107(a) of the Tax Code and, **provided finally**, that any person falling under the foregoing exemption shall pay a tax equivalent to three percent (3%) upon the effectivity of R.A. No. 7716 and four percent (4%) two (2) years thereafter, of his gross quarterly sales and/or receipts.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of June, in the Year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President
(Sgd.) **TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 182
FIRST REGULAR FOREIGN INVESTMENT NEGATIVE LIST

WHEREAS, there is a need to attract, promote and increase productive investments in the country to ensure sustained economic growth and realize its goal of becoming a newly industrializing economy.

WHEREAS, the importance of foreign investments in supplementing the financial and technological requirements of the country is recognized.

WHEREAS, foreign equity participation of as much as one hundred percent (100%) is allowed as a general rule except in areas reserved to Philippine nationals as mandated in the Constitution and other relevant laws of the country.

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes the rights of Philippine nationals, and the need to protect certain areas as provided for in the Constitution and other laws, and for reasons of security, defense, risk to health and morals, and protection of local small and medium-scale enterprises.

WHEREAS, no petitions for inclusion in List C were received during the filing period set by the NEDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Sections 8 and 9 of Republic Act No. 7042, also known as the Foreign Investments Act (FIA) of 1991 do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Only the investment areas listed in “Annex A” hereof, also known as the Foreign Investment Negative List, shall be reserved to Philippine Nationals. The extent of foreign equity participation in these areas shall be limited to percentages indicated in the List.

SECTION 2. Any Amendment to the list shall only be made once every two years, pursuant to Section 8 of the FIA and Rule XI of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the FIA.

SECTION 3. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately following the end of the transitory period or on October 24, 1994.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of June, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex "A"

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 183
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128, SERIES OF 1993,
ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 128, s. of 1993, reconstituted the Committee for the Preparation of the National Centennial Celebrations in 1998 into the National Centennial Commission (NCC);

WHEREAS, the NCC's five-year plan includes foreign promotional program to increase global awareness for the 1998 Philippine centennial celebration;

WHEREAS, implementation of these programs require the direct involvement of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA); and

WHEREAS, the DFA can provide guidance to the NCC's International Affairs Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby amend Executive Order No. 128, s. of 1993, by making the Department of Foreign Affairs a member of the National Centennial Commission.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.**

Executive Secretary

Source: Presidential Management Staff

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 184

CREATING SOCIALIZED HOUSING ONE-STOP PROCESSING CENTERS TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, CLEARANCES, CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS, AND DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE SAID CENTERS

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 9, Article III of the Constitution which mandates the provision of decent housing and basic services to the underprivileged and homeless, the present Administration through the various housing agencies of the government, has embarked on a massive socialized housing program;

WHEREAS, to attain targets set under the government's socialized housing program, maximum private sector participation is imperative;

WHEREAS, in undertaking socialized housing projects contemplated under Republic Act No. 7279 otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992, the developer/proponent must secure the appropriate and necessary permits, clearances, certifications and licenses from various government agencies which include the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), and the local government units (LGUs) concerned;

WHEREAS, despite various tax and other incentives offered by government to developers/proponents of socialized housing projects, maximum private sector participation is not realized in view of existing processes in the issuance of permits, clearances, certifications and licenses which are found to be cumbersome and time-consuming, thereby causing considerable delays in project implementation and resulting in added costs that further impair the affordability of socialized housing units;

WHEREAS, Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7279 mandates the creation of one-stop offices in the different regions of the country to handle the processing, approval and issuance of permits, clearances, certifications and licenses and that the same be issued within ninety (90) days from submission of all requirements by the developer/proponent; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement the above-mentioned statutory mandate to further strengthen the on-going efforts to streamline bureaucratic procedures and hasten government processing and issuance of permits, clearances, certifications and licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the law, do hereby order:

Section 1. *Creation of Socialized Housing One-Stop Processing Centers* – The creation of Socialized Housing One-Stop Processing Centers (SHOPCs) is hereby directed in all the administrative regions of the country to be manned by representatives from the following agencies:

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- a. The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC);
 - b. The Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB);
 - c. The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR);
 - d. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Land Management Bureau (DENR-LMB);
 - e. The Department of Agriculture (DA); and
 - f. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);

The above-named agencies are hereby directed to designate an organic official/employee to man their respective Desks in all SHOPCs. In this connection, the Heads of said agencies shall, subject to existing laws and as far as practicable, delegate sufficient authority to their respective Desks to evaluate and process applications to undertake socialized housing projects, as well as supporting documents therefor, render final or appropriate action thereon, and sign and issue the corresponding permits, clearances, certifications and licenses therefor.

The Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations, Inc. (CREBA) or any other non-governmental organization involved in socialized housing projects, and the League of Governors and City Mayors of the Philippines (LGCMP), may be invited and asked by the HUDCC to set up their Desks in the SHOPCs to provide private sector monitoring of the operations of the SHOPCs and provide such other services to facilitate coordination among and between the SHOPC Desks, other government agencies and applicant developers/proponents.

Section 2. *Powers of the SHOPCs.* – Subject to existing laws and the provisions of the preceding Section, the SHOPCs shall, within their respective regions and through the respective Desks of the above-named agencies, exercise the following powers:

- a. Issue Locational Clearances, Conversion Orders or Certificates of Exemption (from the coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program [CARP]), Development Permits and Licenses to Sell in favor of applicant developers/proponents of socialized housing projects;
- b. Issue Environmental Clearance Certificate whenever required;
- c. Determine disturbance compensation for tenant-farmers/farmworkers affected by the land conversion and ensure that affected tenant-farmers/farmworkers are duly compensated;
- d. Ensure the simplification of processing and approval of licenses, permits and clearances to comply with the 90-day period mandated under Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7279; and
- e. Call on other agencies/entities for support/assistance as may be deemed necessary to attain the objectives set forth under this order.

Section 3. *Agency Responsibilities.* – The SHOPC Desks shall have the following responsibilities:

1. *HUDCC Desk*
 - a. Coordinate, monitor and exercise administrative supervision over the SHOPC;
 - b. Determine administrative and operational costs of the SHOPC and pro-rate the contribution of each Desk to said costs;
 - c. In consultation with the agencies concerned, determine the number of staff/personnel required for the effective operation of the SHOPC;
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- d. Identify and call upon other government agencies or offices whose support is vital to the operation of the SHOPC;
 - e. Prepare and submit to the HUDCC head office, status reports on the operations and performance of the SHOPC; and
 - f. Perform such other responsibilities as may be required.
 2. *HLURB Desk*
 - a. Accept applications for socialized housing projects;
 - b. Inspect the proposed project site and determine its suitability for socialized housing purposes;
 - c. Recommend to the DAR Desk, the conversion of lands suitable for socialized housing;
 - d. Evaluate the application, technical plans as well as other supporting documents and papers in support of the application, and recommend final approval thereof to the concerned LGU;
 - e. Issue Locational Clearances and Licenses to Sell;
 - f. Subject to par. 4 (a) below, certify that the proposed project site is not included in the DENR list/map of environmentally critical areas; and
 - g. Perform such other responsibilities as may be required.
 3. *DAR Desk*
 - a. Determine and fix the amount of disturbance compensation based on the formula jointly set by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) pursuant to Sec. 7 (1) of RA No. 6389, and ensure that the affected tenant-farmers/farmworkers are duly compensated;
 - b. Evaluate applications for land conversion/exemption from CARP coverage that may be referred or recommended by the HLURB Desk, and in meritorious cases, issue conversion/exemption certificates therefor; and
 - c. Perform such other responsibilities as may be required.
 4. *DENR – LMB Desk*
 - a. Issue Environmental Clearance Certificates relative to applications for projects located within environmentally critical areas but only until such time that the SHOPCs have been furnished with maps and listings of such areas;
 - b. Verify land surveys and other pertinent plans submitted by applicant developers/proponents;
 - c. Evaluate and approve subdivision surveys; and
 - d. Perform such other responsibilities as may be required
 5. *DILG Desk*
 - a. Coordinate with the concerned *Sanggunian*/LGU to facilitate the required approvals for the project, viz., development/building permits; and
 - b. Perform such other responsibilities as may be required.
 6. *CREBA or Non-Governmental Organization or LGCMP Desks*
 - a. Assist the HUDCC in monitoring the operations and activities of the SHOPCs to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Order and the guidelines which may be promulgated in connection therewith; and
 - b. Conduct liaison activities between the various Desks of the SHOPCs and other government agencies, viz., the various offices of the Provincial/City Registers of Deeds, including providing manpower support to the SHOPCs, to facilitate processing and approval of applications/documents.
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Section 4. *Processing Guidelines and Flow Chart.* – The agencies named in Section 1 hereof shall jointly promulgate specific guidelines as well as a flow chart to expedite and simplify the processing and approval of applications for permits, clearances, certifications and licenses required to undertake socialized housing projects, in compliance with the mandate that such applications be acted upon within the 90-day period prescribed under Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7279, which guidelines may be revised from time to time, when the need arises.

Section 5. *Submission of Certain Documents and Maps to the SHOPCs by Concerned Agencies.* – To ensure the successful operation of the SHOPCs, the following agencies shall, within thirty (30) days from issuance of this Order, submit to the HUDCC, the following documents and maps, which shall be updated regularly, but at least every quarter, whenever requested:

1. *DA*
 - a. Masterlist and corresponding maps of irrigated and irrigable lands; and
 - b. Complete listing of the crops and value of annual yields on irrigated and irrigable lands and other types of agricultural lands.
2. *All Cities and Municipalities*
 - a. Town/city zoning plans;
 - b. Land-use maps and zoning ordinances; and
 - c. List and corresponding maps of lands identified as suitable for socialized housing projects/purposes.
3. *DENR-EMB*
 - a. Complete list and corresponding maps of environmentally critical areas and lands actually used or reserved as parks for flora and fauna, forests and watersheds, and other similar purposes, and other areas necessary, to maintain or assure ecological balance and environmental protection.
4. *HLURB*
 - a. Land-use maps and town/city plans approved by the HLURB prior to June 15, 1988; and
 - b. List and corresponding maps of urban and urbanizable areas.
5. *DAR*
 - a. Master list and maps of lands covered by Voluntary Offer to Sell (VOS), Notice of Acquisition (NA) or Notice of Coverage issued pursuant to the CARP; and
 - b. Master list of bona-fide tenant-farmers duly identified as CARP beneficiaries.

Section 6. *Developer/Proponent's Undertaking and Penalties for Non-Compliance.* – (a) To assure completion of the socialized housing project, the applicant developer/proponent shall file together with his application a sworn Undertaking stating that the proposed socialized housing project shall be completed or fully developed within a period of one (1) year from the issuance of the permits, clearances, certificates and licenses therefor for projects having a land area of less than five (5) hectares, and at the rate of at least five (5) hectares per year for projects with a land area of five (5) hectares or more.

(b) In addition to the penalties imposed under existing laws, executive and administrative issuances, the following sanctions shall be imposed on a developer/proponent who has failed to comply with his Undertaking, made misrepresentations in his application, or is found to have committed any act or omission to circumvent the intent and purposes of this Order, as follows:

1. Cancellation/suspension of previously issued permits, clearances, certifications and licenses in connection with the approved socialized housing project; and/or
2. Permanent or limited suspension from engaging in any business related to real estate development or housing projects; and/or
3. Reversion of the land (project site) to its original status as agricultural land.

The agencies named in Section 1 hereof shall jointly promulgate the appropriate guidelines to implement the provisions of this section.

Section 7. *Fees.* – In addition to the fees fixed and collected by the concerned agencies in connection with the permits, clearances, certifications and licenses to be issued in favor of an applicant developer/proponent, the SHOPCs are authorized to impose additional fees and charges as may be determined by the HUDCC.

Section 8. *Administrative and Operational Costs.* – The component agencies shall include in their respective annual budgets their pro-rata share in the administrative and operational costs of the SHOPCs, in consultation with the HUDCC.

Section 9. *Separability Clause.* – In the event any provision hereof is declared invalid by any competent court or tribunal, the other provisions hereof unaffected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All executive or administrative issuances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

Section 11. *Effectivity.* This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 185
OPENING THE DOMESTIC WATER TRANSPORT
INDUSTRY TO NEW OPERATORS AND INVESTORS

WHEREAS, Section 19, Article XII of the Constitution declares that “[t]he State shall regulate or prohibit monopolies when the public interest so requires. No combinations in restraint of trade or unfair competition shall be allowed;”

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 474, otherwise known as the Maritime Industry Decree of 1974, provides that:

“It is hereby declared the policy of the State to accelerate the integrated development of the maritime industry of the Philippines to attain the following objectives: (a) To increase production and productivity in the various islands and regions of the archipelago through the provision of effective sea linkage; (b) To provide for the economical, safe, adequate and efficient shipment of raw materials, products, commodities and people; (c) To enhance the competitive position of Philippine flag vessel in the carriage of foreign trade; (d) To strengthen the balance of payments position by minimizing the outflow of foreign exchange and increasing dollar earnings; (e) To generate new and more job opportunities;”

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 474 likewise states that to attain the foregoing objectives, the Government, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), shall:

“(a) Adopt and implement a practicable and coordinated Maritime Industry Development Program which shall include, among others, the early replacement of obsolescent and uneconomic vessels; modernization and expansion of the Philippine merchant fleet, enhancement of domestic capability for shipbuilding, repair and maintenance; and the development of reservoir of trained manpower;

(b) Provide and help provide the necessary; (i) financial assistance to the industry through public and private financing institutions and instrumentalities; (ii) technological assistance; and (iii) in general, a favorable climate for expansion of domestic and foreign investments in shipping enterprises; and

(c) Provide for the effective supervision, regulation and rationalization of the organizational management, ownership and operations of all water transport utilities, and other maritime enterprises.”

WHEREAS, the growth of the national economy on a sustained basis required an efficient water transport industry to ferry passengers and cargo at reasonable and competitive rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The entry of new operators into the domestic water transport industry shall be liberalized to enhance the level of competition and bring about reasonable rates and improved quality of services.

- 1.1. Opening-up of all Routes

Public interest and public convenience call for the levelling of the playing field for all existing and new operators in the domestic water transport industry. Competition, provided it is not ruinous, should be the norm to open-up the industry to new investments and to stimulate further economic activity.

- 1.1.1. All routes/links shall have a minimum of two (2) operators. Routes/links presently serviced by only one (1) operator, or monopolized or cartelized as determined by MARINA, shall be open for entry to additional operators.

- 1.1.2. All routes/links which have been serviced by any operator for an aggregate period of at least five (5) years shall be open for entry to additional operators without limit.

- 1.2. Encouraging Entry Into Developmental Routes

The entry of operators in developmental routes as determined by MARINA shall be encouraged. An operator who pioneers in the provision of a certain technological level/type of shipping service in a developmental route shall be authorized to charge market-accepted freight and passage rates differing from the authorized fork-tariff, if availed of; *Provided*, that the operator shall apply with MARINA for the adjustment in or adoption of such rates, the approval of which shall be accordingly granted; and *Provided, further*, that after five (5) years of such operation, the continued authorization of such rates, or adjustments thereof, shall be dependent on an evaluation undertaken by MARINA.

- 1.3. Deregulating Entry of Newly-Acquired Vessels Into Routes Already Served By Franchised Operators

- 1.3.1. An existing or new operator who acquires a vessel through importation, bareboat charter with option to purchase, lease-purchase, or local construction, shall be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)/Provisional Authority (PA) and allowed to operate such vessel in any route, even if already being served by existing franchised operators for less than five (5) years, including developmental routes; *Provided*, that the prescribed application for CPC has been filed, and the basic requisites prior to issuance thereof have been complied with; *Provided, further*, that upon filing of the application for CPC, the presumption of public need shall be accorded in favor of the applicant, especially but not necessarily when any of the following conditions shall be shown to obtain:

- 1.3.1.1. The proposed operation shall introduce innovative, technologically-advanced, or pioneering shipping services in the route applied for, such as, but not limited to, the deployment of fast ferries, cruise vessels, container vessels and RoRo vessels, or the employment of modern and efficient on-board cargo handling equipment as an integral part of the vessels operation;

- 1.3.1.2. The proposed operation shall introduce improvements in the quality of service being provided in the applied route/link;

- 1.3.1.3. The vessel proposed to be deployed shall serve as an improvement over the existing vessels operating therein, either in terms of the vessel's age, size, capacity, hull material and other vessel technical features;
- 1.3.1.4. The proposed operation shall foster cost-effective/competitive shipping service in the route proposed to be served;
- 1.3.1.5. The proposed operation shall service priority tourist links as identified by the Department of Tourism in its Tourism Master Plan;
- 1.3.1.6. The route/link applied for warrants additional operators/services, as determined by MARINA or by pertinent local government units, resulting in public invitations for additional services therein.
This condition covers cases where there is a duly verified and legitimate public clamor for additional shipping services and it has been determined that existing authorized operators in the route/link have not been sensitive to an increase in demand by offering to increase capacity only after another operator has offered to provide additional services therein; and
- 1.3.1.7. Where existing authorized operators have abandoned their operations in a given route.

Any oppositor to the application shall bear the burden of proving that there is no need for the proposed service.

Provided, finally, that the vessel, upon issuance of the CPC, shall continuously serve its franchised route for at least one (1) year.

1.4. Vessel Rerouting Or Amendment Of Authorized Route And Change In Sailing Schedules And Frequency

Any change or amendment to the authorized routing pattern of a vessel can be undertaken by an existing authorized operator thru the following: (1) omission or deletion of port(s); (2) addition of other port(s); (3) omission and subsequent addition of port(s); (4) changing the sequence of port calls; (5) retention of authorized routing pattern but with addition of one or more ports. Vacated port(s) or link(s)/route(s) as a result of the above shall be looked into by MARINA insofar as adequacy or sufficiency of the remaining existing shipping services is concerned:

- 1.4.1. Approval shall be granted to applications for any of the above forms of change or amendment of authorized routing pattern by existing franchised liner vessels, *Provided*, that:
 - 1.4.1.1. No conflict in sailing schedules with other affected operators in the applied route/link shall result therefrom, otherwise, the MARINA shall prescribe, *motu proprio*, sailing schedules that will best serve public interest and convenience;
 - 1.4.1.2. No route or link shall be left unserved by the rerouting or route amendment, unless a substitute vessel from the applicant will be deployed therein, or vessel(s) from other existing authorized operators are left serving the route/link; and

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- 1.4.1.3. Shipping service in the previous route/link has been continuously rendered by the vessel for at least one (1) year from issuance of CPC.
- 1.4.2. If the rerouting or route amendment of a vessel is caused by the deployment of a newly acquired vessel (either through importation, bareboat charter with option to purchase, lease purchase or local construction) into the authorized route of an operator, the policy of liberalized entry into any route under Section 1.3 above shall be applied.
- 1.4.3. If no newly-acquired vessel is involved and an application is filed for the rerouting or route amendment of a vessel, where an entirely new route or link will be served, a new application for CPC shall be filed and entry therein will depend on whether any of the conditions or circumstances enumerated in Section 1.3 above has been proven to obtain. Priority shall, however, be given to newly-acquired vessels brought into the fleet, subject to Section 1.3, in the grant of CPC to a given route.
- 4.4. In cases where only a temporary authority has so far been issued to a vessel, pending resolution of the basic application for CPC, an application for amendment of route or rerouting may be filed and considered by the MARINA, but the amended authority to be issued as a result thereof, shall be subject to the one (1) year maximum period per issuance to be cumulatively reckoned from the first PA issued in the original application.
2. All government departments, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations, such as the Board of Investments, Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Bureau of Plant Industry, Bureau of Animal Industry, National Quarantine Office, Philippine Navy, and the Philippine National Police, are hereby ordered to assist and coordinate with MARINA in the implementation of this Executive Order.
3. This Executive Order revokes or amends all executive, department and other agency issuances or any provision thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order. The MARINA is hereby directed to issue rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.
4. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 186
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON THE
LAW OF THE SEA AND RENAMING IT AS THE CABINET
COMMITTEE ON MARITIME AND OCEAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea seeks to establish a legal order for the seas and oceans to promote their peaceful use, equitable and efficient utilization of resources and protect and preserve the marine environment;

WHEREAS, the Philippines signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on 10 December 1982 and ratified the same in November 1984;

WHEREAS, a Cabinet Committee on the Treaty on the Law of the Sea was established pursuant to Executive Order No. 738 dated 3 October 1981, and reconstituted with representation from government agencies, pursuant to Executive Order No. 328 dated 5 June 1988, to implement the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and harmonize domestic laws and regulations with the Convention prior to its entry into force on 16 November 1994;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to further strengthen the Cabinet Committee on the Law of the Sea to ensure a more comprehensive and pragmatic approach in addressing marine and ocean-related concerns within the overall context of Philippine national interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SEC. 1. The Cabinet Committee on the Law of the Sea is hereby renamed the Cabinet Committee on Maritime and Ocean Affairs, (hereinafter referred to as the Cabinet Committee) and its functions expanded to include the formulation of practical and viable policies and addressing the various concerns which affect the implementation of the United Nations Conventions on the Law of the Sea and other marine-related matters.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall continue to act as Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Maritime and Ocean Affairs, with the members as enumerated in Executive Order No. 328 dated 5 June 1988.

The Cabinet Committee may create sub-committees and/or working groups as it deems necessary to ensure the efficient and effective discharge of its responsibilities.

SEC. 3. The Cabinet Committee shall encourage the participation of government and private academic and research institutions involved with marine and ocean-related concerns, through the development of a marine research community.

SEC. 4. The Department of Foreign Affairs shall continue to provide secretariat support to the Cabinet Committee. The Cabinet Committee may call on any department, bureau, office and instrumentality of the Government for appropriate assistance.

SEC. 5. The Cabinet Committee shall continue to source its funding pursuant to Section 6 of Executive Order No. 738 dated 3 October 1981, which states that “the Ministry (now Department) of the Budget is directed to release such amount as may be necessary for the initial operation of

the Cabinet Committee to the Secretariat, through the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on the Treaty of the Law of the Sea which shall administer the same”.

SEC. 6. The Cabinet Committee shall formulate and present to the President and the Cabinet, on 8 November 1994, a comprehensive action plan to implement the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and submit to the President, a quarterly report of its activities thereafter.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.**

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 187
DECLARING AND DELINEATING THE JOSE PANGANIBAN PORT ZONE UNDER THE
ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Port of Jose Panganiban is one of the major and busiest ports in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the Port of Jose Panganiban for planning purposes to accommodate projected increases in port traffic and to program the development of the necessary port facilities to support the demands of the shipping trade within the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Jose Panganiban is hereby expanded and particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at point marked 1 on the plan, thence to point 2 at a distance of 1,150.50m with bearing S60 00'W, thence to point 3 at a distance of 392.08m with bearing N29 07'W, thence to point 4 at a distance of 1,135.00m with bearing N60 00'E, thence to point 5 at a distance of 247.81m with bearing S29 45'E, thence to point 6 at a distance of 10.58m with bearing S34 10'E, thence to point 1 the point of beginning at a distance of 134.02m with bearing S34 10'E, all in all comprising a total area of 446,609.18 sq. m. more or less.

SEC. 2. The Jose Panganiban Port Zone, as expanded, is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority, which shall, consistent with the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning, development, and utilization of the port.

SEC. 3. All other orders, proclamations, and issuances or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 188

**GUIDELINES ON THE ENTRY AND STAY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, an increasing number of foreigners have expressed their desire to enter and study in the Philippines, and graduate from Philippine schools, colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to promote the Philippines as a center for education in the region by (i) encouraging foreign students to study in the Philippines, (ii) developing awareness of the Philippine educational system by neighboring countries, and (iii) allowing duly accepted foreign students to avail of the facilities of the Philippine educational system; and

WHEREAS, the current procedure and guidelines governing the entry and stay of foreign students in the Philippines need to be updated and simplified, in support of this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. *Basic Policies and Procedures.* The following policies and procedure shall be observed by all entities concerned:

A. Acceptance of Foreign Students.

Any Philippine school whose programs are recognized by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) is authorized to accept foreign students. The individual Philippine school may launch information campaigns to solicit and receive applications directly from prospective foreign students. For this purpose, the school may seek the assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Tourism.

Once the applicant is accepted for admission, the school may forward to the applicant the appropriate Notice of Acceptance to the course of study applied for. However, the school may be required to obtain in advance an appropriate Certificate of Eligibility for Admission (CEA) from the DECS for certain courses of study, such as in medicine and in nursing, where restrictions may exist on the enrollment of foreign students due to a shortage of facilities. Once issued, the CEA shall remain valid for the duration of the course of study, provided the student attends his classes and continues to receive satisfactory grades.

The DECS, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education, shall determine what courses of study require the issuance of a CEA and shall draw up a list for this purpose not later than sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Executive Order. Said list may be updated by the DECS from time to time as may be necessary.

The DECS shall provide all schools with comparative equivalences for the major foreign educational systems, and should any question concerning equivalences arise, the school concerned shall secure the comments of the DECS before accepting a foreign student for enrollment.

Enrollment in any level shall require completion of the lower particular level, for example, an applicant for the tertiary or collegiate level should be a graduate of high school or its equivalent.

Elementary, secondary and tertiary enrolment in Philippine schools by the spouses and children of the following categories will be treated on the same basis as Philippine nationals: (a) permanent foreign residents, (b) aliens with valid working permits, (c) foreign diplomat personnel, and (d) personnel from duly accredited international organizations residing in the Philippines, and (e) holders of Special Investor's Resident Visa (SIRV) and Special Retiree's Resident Visa (SRRV).

B. *Issuance of Visas.*

The procedure and documentation for the issuance of visas shall be kept to a minimum. The applicants for student visa shall submit the following documents to the Philippine Foreign Service Establishments (PFSE) located in the country of their residence:

- (a) A copy of the Notice of Acceptance from a Philippine school and where applicable, a copy of the CEA;
Documentary proof of support to cover expenses incidental to their studies, such as board and lodging as well as return air tickets;
Authenticated scholastic records;
- (d) Authenticated Police Clearance Certificate from the applicant's country of origin or residence;
Results of medical examinations conducted by an authorized physician; and
Other documents that may be required in the individual case by the Consular Officer, provided that it shall not be the task of the PFSE to determine the applicants scholastic fitness for the program applied for. If all documentary requirements are in order, the PFSE concerned shall issue a student visa.

C. *Arrival and Stay in the Philippines*

- (8) The process for duly authorized foreign students to enter and stay in the Philippines, including the issuance of the Alien Certificate of Registration (ACR), shall be facilitated. The student's authorized period of stay shall be consistent with the length of the course of study to which he has been accepted by a Philippine School.
- (9) It shall be the responsibility of the individual school in which the foreign student is enrolled to report promptly at the close of each enrolment period, to the Bureau of Immigration, those foreign students who have been accepted by the school but who failed to register, either for the first time or for subsequent terms. Similarly, the individual school shall also report promptly after the end of each term, those students who were absent from the final examinations for the term. The reporting herein required shall be strictly complied with by the individual school.
- (10) Appropriate arrangements shall be made by the agencies concerned for foreigners who are already in the Philippines under other valid visa arrangements, to facilitate their conversion into student visas, provided all the relevant prerequisites listed herein are complied with.

D. *Security Matters.*

- (11) The appropriate authorities may check whenever necessary the activities of foreign students brought to its attention, whose activities appear to be inimical to the security

of the state. They shall be responsible for the apprehension of foreign students not complying with Philippine Immigration laws and regulations. For instance, a report that a foreign student is under employment shall be immediately forwarded to the Bureau of Immigration as basis for the cancellation of the foreign student's entry permit and for initiation of deportation proceedings.

- (12) Those agencies charged with the maintenance of internal security shall undertake steps necessary to safeguard national security interests, without in any way further encumbering the process of application, visa issuance, and entry authorization of foreign students in the Philippines.

Section 2. *Establishment and Composition of the Committee on Foreign Students.* There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Committee on Foreign Students herein referred to as the Committee, which shall have the following membership:

Department of Education, Culture and Sports	– Chairman
Department of Foreign Affairs	– Co-Chairman
Commission on Higher Education	– Member
Bureau of Immigration	– Member
National Bureau of Investigation	– Member
National Intelligence Coordinating Agency	– Member

Section 3. *Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee.* The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

Promulgate simplified procedures and implementing guidelines governing the entry and stay of foreign students in the Philippines in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order within sixty (60) days from the effectivity thereof;

Monitor and coordinate the implementation of this Executive Order by the departments and agencies concerned;

Meet regularly to assess the progress of the whole program, to ensure that the promotion of the Philippines as a center for education in the region is effectively encouraged and undertaken; and

- (4) Request representatives from other agencies and/or the private sector to attend its meetings, when it deems necessary and proper.

Section 4. *Repealing Provision.* This Executive Order repeals Executive Order No. 104, dated 4 December 1967 and all other executive issuances, regulations, or any parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 5. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 13th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 189
MODIFYING THE NOMENCLATURE AND RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON
CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF
AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Sections 104 and 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code (Presidential Decree No. 1464 [1978]), as amended, empowers the President, upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority, to increase, reduce or remove existing protective rates of import duty, as well as to modify the form of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex “A” hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall pay the rates of import duty in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex “A”; Provided, that the rates of duty indicated for the year 2000 shall continue to be levied, imposed, and collected in the succeeding years unless otherwise amended.

Section 2. The nomenclature and rates of import duties of tariff headings not enumerated and listed as represented by the symbol “x x x” in the aforesaid Annex “A” shall remain in force and effect.

Section 3. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles specifically listed in the aforesaid Annex “A” which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the rates of duty therein prescribed.

Section 4. The provisions of Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7369, also known as “An Act Granting Tax and Duty Exemption and Tax Credit on Capital Equipment”, which provides that articles enumerated therein shall be exempt from payment of import duties for a period of three (3) years starting 1 January 1995, shall remain in force and effect.

Section 5. All Presidential issuances, administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Section 6. This Executive Order shall take effect thirty (30) days following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex "A"

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 190
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY PLAN 2000 AND ESTABLISHING THE
NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of information and communication in nation-building, and, in its commitment to regulate the transfer and promotion of the adaptation of technology from all sources for the national benefit, encourages the widest participation of both the public and private sectors in the utilization of technology;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is steadfast in its vision of becoming a Newly Industrializing Country by the year 2000, and thus, resolves to enhance its global competitiveness;

Information Technology
achievement of our

WHEREAS, when properly harnessed, IT is a tool that empowers people, increases productivity, creates business opportunities and, essentially, enables us to do more with less; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to draw up a comprehensive and integrated IT national policy framework within the context of the Medium-Term Philippines Development Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Approval of the NITP.* – The National Information Technology Plan 2000 (NITP2000), hereto attached, is hereby approved.

- a. recommend to the President policies relative to the implementation of the NITP2000 in consultation with all agencies concerned;
- b. monitor and ensure the implementation, and undertake review and periodic upgrading, of the NITP2000;
- c. recommend to the President a legislative agenda that will promote the accelerated development and application of IT in the country;
- d. monitor the major IT projects, significant developments and activities that affect NITP2000, especially in the government, through an institutionalized system of networking;
- e. assess, review and provide direction for continuing research on various relevant aspects of IT, including the assessment of the IT industry's progress and problems;
- f. advocate strategic alliances between government, business, academe and non-government organizations in order to promote the team approach in IT efforts, especially in the area of technology transfer;
- g. catalyze industry growth by syndicating alliances with the international community for large national projects with massive private sector participation; and
- h. facilitate the sourcing of funds to support implementation of programs and projects.

SECTION 3. *Composition.* – The NITC shall be composed of the following:

- a. Executive Secretary Chairman
- b. Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority Co-Chairman
- c. A duly designated Undersecretary from each of the following as Members:
 - Department of Science and Technology;
 - Department of Trade and Industry;
 - Department of Transportation and Communications;
 - Department of Education, Culture and Sports;
 - Department of Foreign Affairs;
 - Department of Budget and Management;
- d. Managing Director, National Computer Center, and Head, Presidential Management Staff Members
- e. Two (2) representatives from the private sector of the IT industry to be appointed by the Chairmen as Members; and
- f. One (1) representative from a non-governmental organization involved in social and/or economic development to be appointed by the Chairmen as Member.

The NCC shall provide secretariat support to the NITC and its committees or working groups in the implementation of the NITP2000.

SECTION 4. *Committees/Working Groups.* – The NITC, in keeping with the government-industry partnership in development policy, shall sixty (60) days from issuance hereof, form at least one (1) committee or working group for each of the five (5) identified major components of the NITP2000 to focus on the operationalization of the NITP2000 for that particular major component, and for this purpose, shall closely monitor, oversee and ensure implementation of the same.

The NITC may organize additional committees or working groups as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 5. *Information System Planner.* – All departments, major agencies and government-owned or -controlled corporation (GOCCs) shall each designate an Information Systems Planner, who is at least a Director or of equivalent rank, who shall serve as the Agency's action officer for the NITP2000 and IT-related matters, particularly for the preparation, development, and implementation of the Information Systems Plans of the department and its attached agencies, other major agencies of the government and the GOCCs.

SECTION 6. *Funding.* – Operational expenses of the NITC including secretariat support services therefor shall be incorporated in the budget of the NCC.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The NITC shall issue such rules, regulations and other issuances as may be necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – This Executive Order repeals Executive Order No. 356 dated 23 May 1989. All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provision of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of July, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 191
GRANTING NO-VISA ENTRY FOR AN INITIAL STAY OF SEVEN (7) DAYS TO CHINESE NATIONALS WHO ARE HOLDERS OF MACAU-PORTUGUESE PASSPORT

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the Philippine Government to attract foreign investments and promote trade and tourism as instruments of economic growth and national development;

WHEREAS, a considerable number of Chinese nationals holding Macau-Portuguese passports are frequently visiting the Philippines for business or pleasure and carrying on trade with their Filipino business partners;

WHEREAS, the Macau-Portuguese Government at present grants Filipino citizens no-visa entry to Macau for a stay of not more than fourteen (14) days;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and, in consideration of the foregoing premises, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. Chinese nationals who are holders of Macau-Portuguese passports, travelling individually or in groups, shall be allowed no-visa entry for an initial stay of seven (7) days, provided they have round trip tickets or onward tickets to the next country of destination to which they have valid entry visas, and their passports are valid for at least six (6) months beyond the period of their authorized stay. In a collective Macau-Portuguese passport the pictures of the spouse and minor children of the passport holder must be shown therein together with their names.

SECTION 2. The initial period of stay may be extended by the Bureau of Immigration prior to its expiry date for another period of time allowed under existing regulations, upon proper justifications and payment of the prescribed fees by the applicant.

SECTION 3. The provisions of Letter of Instructions No. 911, dated 10 August 1979, and of all other Presidential issuances and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or amended accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: Presidential Management Staff

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 192

**AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
CORPORATION TO OPERATE AND MANAGE THE CLARK AVIATION COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7227, otherwise known as the “Bases Conversion Development Act of 1992,” it is the policy of the Government to accelerate the sound and balanced conversion into alternative productive uses of the Clark and Subic military reservations and their extensions to promote the economic and social development of the country;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7227 (1992), the Bases Conversion Development Authority is empowered to form, establish, organize and maintain subsidiary corporations formed in accordance with the Corporation Code and existing rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 80 (1993) authorized the establishment of the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) as the operating and implementing arm of the Bases Conversion Development Authority for the Clark Special Economic Zone;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 62 (1993), the Clark Special Economic Zone is envisioned as a major civil aviation complex for international passengers and/or cargo;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 174 (1994) mandates the Bases Conversion Development Authority and the Clark Development Corporation to implement the phased development of the Clark Aviation Complex and tasks the former to recommend the organizational structure of a proposed Clark International Airport Corporation which shall have jurisdiction over the operations of the entire Clark Aviation Complex; and

WHEREAS, the variety of activities in the aviation complex calls for diverse types of expertise which should be assigned to specialists and government agencies whose interventions are required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. ***Creation of the Clark International Airport Corporation.*** – A body corporate to be known as the Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) is hereby authorized to be formed to operate and manage the Clark Aviation Complex.

Pursuant to Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7227 (1992), the CIAC shall be a wholly-owned subsidiary corporation of the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) and shall be formed in accordance with the Corporation Code and existing rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The CIAC shall be subject to the policies, rules and regulations promulgated by the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA)/CDC.

Section 2. ***Exemption from Civil Service Laws, Rules and Regulations.*** – Pursuant to Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7227 (1992), the CIAC shall be exempt from the coverage of Civil Service laws, rules and regulations.

Section 3. *Board of Directors.* – Subject to Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7227 (1992), the powers of the CIAC shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors which shall be composed of not more than eleven (11) members.

The members of the Board representing the equity of the CDC and other government corporations or agencies in the capital stock of the CIAC shall be nominated by the President of the Philippines. No person shall be nominated as a member of the Board representing the equity in the capital stock of the national government in CIAC unless he is a Filipino citizen, of good moral character, and of recognized competence in relevant fields including but not limited to civil aviation, economics, tourism, law or engineering.

Section 4. *Capitalization.* – The capitalization of the CIAC shall be determined by the BCDA/ CDC which shall include the following:

- Cash equity to be provided by CDC;
- Portions of or all government lands embraced and covered by the Clark Aviation Complex, as well as permanent improvements and fixtures therein upon proper inventory; and
- All other assets which the President may transfer to the CIAC as part of the equity contribution of the Government.

Section 5. *Transfer of Clark Air Base Proper.* In view of Section 4 hereof, and pending the full development of the Clark Reverted Baselands, the BCDA shall transfer to the CDC the land comprising, and the permanent improvements and fixtures within, the 4,440 hectares, more or less, covering the Clark Air Base Proper under Proclamation No. 163 (1993).

Section 6. *Role of Departments, Bureaus, Offices, Agencies, Instrumentalities of the Government.* – All heads of departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government are hereby directed to give full support to the Clark International Airport development program and to coordinate with the CDC and the BCDA to facilitate the necessary approvals to expedite the implementation of the various aspects of the conversion program.

Section 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 8. *Effectivity.* – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 193
CREATING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND
ASEAN FREE TRADE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS, DEFINING ITS POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on 15 April 1994, the Philippines was one among 111 countries that signed the Uruguay Final Act at Marrakesh, Morocco;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Uruguay Round Agreement which is expected to take effect on 1 January 1995, the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT), shall then be known as the World Trade Organization (WTO);

WHEREAS, in view of the far-reaching effects of the Uruguay Round Agreement under the World Trade Organization, the Government recognizes the need to create a WTO Advisory Commission;

WHEREAS, the President issued Executive Order No. 38 (dated 27 November 1992) creating the ASEAN Free Trade Area Advisory Commission to ensure that the principles of just, equitable and sustainable development are incorporated in its studies and recommendations and to define the roles played by each sector in the attainment of its objectives;

WHEREAS, in order to maximize the efficiency of both multisectoral commissions, there is need to merge and consolidate the AFTA Advisory Commission with the WTO Advisory Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the WTO/AFTA Advisory Commission. There is hereby created the WTO/AFTA Advisory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), under the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. Composition. The Commission shall be composed of the following:

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| a. Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry | Chairman |
| b. Representative from the private sector to be appointed by the President | Co-Chairman |
| c. Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs | Member |
| d. Secretary of the Department of Finance | Member |
| e. Secretary of the Department of Agriculture | Member |
| f. Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications | Member |
| g. Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources | Member |
| h. Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment | Member |
| i. Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform | Member |
| j. Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority | Member |
| k. Press Secretary | Member |
| l. Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas | Member |
| m. Head of the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office | Member |
| n. Eleven Representatives from the private sector representing industry, agriculture, labor, banking, export, academe, research and consumers | Members |

The members of the Commission may designate their duly authorized representatives. Such designated representatives shall have full powers to vote and act for, and in behalf of their principals, in any action to be taken by the Commission unless their designation provides otherwise.

The Commission, by a majority vote of all members, may replace past members and invite additional members whenever the circumstance so warrant.

SEC. 3. Powers and Functions. The Commission shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To prepare and implement a plan of action to be adopted by government and the private sector to comply with the Philippine commitments to the Uruguay Round and the ASEAN Free Trade Agreements through the following:
 - i. review and evaluation of existing laws and policies in light of Philippine commitments to the Uruguay Round and the ASEAN Free Trade Agreements;
 - ii. conduct of researches and studies on the issues and implications to the Philippine economy of both the regional and global agreements;
 - iii. recommendation of the amendment and/or revision of existing laws and policies or the enactment of additional laws, rules and regulations and policies when warranted; and
 - iv. identification of private sector initiatives and technological innovations that will enhance our competitive advantages in both the regional and global markets.
- b. To conduct an education and information campaign on the effects and implications of the Uruguay Round and ASEAN Free Trade Agreements. For this purpose, the Commission may publish brochures, conduct seminars and workshops and undertake the necessary measures to achieve the widest dissemination of information relative to the commitments under the Uruguay Round and ASEAN Free Trade Agreements;
- c. To coordinate and enlist the assistance of any branch, department, bureau, office, agency and instrumentality of the government including government-owned and controlled corporations, as well as representatives of the private sector relative to the ratification of the Uruguay Round Agreement by the Senate and the legislation of new laws or amendment of existing ones by both Houses of Congress;
- d. To enhance collaboration and build consensus among the various sectors that may be affected;
- e. To create such sub-committees, task forces and technical working groups as may be necessary to accomplish its functions; and
- f. To adopt rules and guidelines to govern the internal affairs of the Commission;
- g. To perform such other powers and functions as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of this Order.

SEC. 4. Meetings and Quorum. The Commission shall meet at least once every month or as often as may be necessary upon the call of the Chairman.

The Commission shall convene and hold its first meeting within thirty (30) days from the promulgation of this Executive Order.

The presence of a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of said quorum shall be sufficient for the approval of any action of the Commission.

SEC. 5. Secretariat. The Commission shall establish a Secretariat to be headed by an Executive Director with the rank equivalent to a Department Assistant Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Chairman.

SEC. 6. Executive Committee. The Commission shall establish an Executive Committee which shall exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated by the Commission. It shall be composed of the Chairman, the Co-Chairman and such members as may be designated by the Chairman.

SEC. 7. Relationship with the Philippine Council on ASEAN Cooperation-Cabinet. The Commission shall report and submit studies, proposals and recommendations on all AFTA matters to the Philippine Council on ASEAN Cooperation at the Cabinet level. It shall also be represented at the PCAC-Cabinet and at the PCAC-Technical Board for ASEAN Economic Cooperation.

SEC. 8. Funding. The initial appropriations shall be drawn from the President's Contingent Fund subject to the approval of the President. Succeeding appropriations shall be incorporated in the budget proposals of the Office of the President.

SEC. 9. Dissolution of the AFTA Advisory Commission. The AFTA Advisory Commission is hereby dissolved and all its functions, budget and personnel shall be absorbed by the Commission. Provided, however, that the present structure, officials, and personnel of the AFTA Advisory Commission shall be kept intact as much as possible.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. The provisions of this Order are hereby declared to be separable, and in the event of any provision or part thereof is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts thereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. The provisions of Executive Order No. 38 (dated 27 November 1992) are hereby modified and amended to conform to this Order. All other laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity Clause. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the city of Manila, on this 2nd day of August, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 194

Based on the records available on file and in the possession of Malacañang Records Office, Executive Order No. 194 of Presidential Issuances of Fidel V. Ramos was certified by their office as a reserved number and that no original copy of this issuance was forwarded and released to them.

Malacañang Records Office. (2015). *[Memorandum: certification and official count of Presidential Issuances]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 195
PROVIDING A MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM TO FILIPINO OVERSEAS CONTRACT
WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND PRESCRIBING THE MECHANISM THEREFOR

WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the government to provide adequate medical care services to the people;

WHEREAS, under the present policy, among the private working sector, only members of the Social Security System who are employed within the Philippines are compulsorily covered by the Philippine Medical Care Program (Law);

WHEREAS, studies show that a large number of overseas contract workers and their dependents, which comprise a significant portion of the Filipino population, are not assured of any medical care, in view of the lack of a program with a compulsory coverage;

WHEREAS, Filipino Overseas Contract Workers and their dependents must likewise be assisted in their medical care expenses consistent with the policy for their counterpart local workers and their dependents;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Care Commission, the Department of Labor and Employment thru the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Social Security System have enough facilities and manpower to ensure the effective and efficient medical care coverage of the Filipino Overseas Contract Workers and their dependents under a program similar to Program I of the Philippine Medical Care Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Filipinos recruited for employment abroad, herein referred to as Filipino Overseas Contract Workers or members, shall be compulsorily covered by the Philippine Medical Care Program pursuant to Section 31 of P.D. 1519, as amended, otherwise known as the Philippine Medical Care Law, without having to enroll themselves as SSS members.

Sec. 2. Dependents of Filipino Overseas Contract Workers shall also be covered with Medicare benefits through the membership of the latter.

Sec. 3. The premium contributions and benefits of the Filipino Overseas Contract Workers and their dependents shall be the same as those provided for SSS members under Program I of the Philippine Medical Care Plan.

Sec. 4. The compulsory coverage shall not apply to Filipino Overseas Contract Workers with existing coverage of the Philippine Medical Care Program acquired thru the SSS voluntary basis coverage pursuant to Section 9(b) of R.A. 1161, as amended, known as the SSS Law.

Sec. 5. The Rules and Regulations Implementing the Philippine Medical Care Law, Administrative Orders and/or Circulars issued by the Philippine Medical Care Commission, insofar

as they are not inconsistent with this Order, shall also apply to the Medical Care Program coverage of the Filipino Overseas Contract Workers.

Sec. 6. The services, facilities, and the staff of the PMCC, SSS, DOLE thru OWWA and POEA, and the DFA shall be utilized for the implementation of this Order. Rules and Regulations defining the powers and functions of the said agencies and such other provisions necessary to implement this Order shall be adopted by the agencies thru a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the respective heads of Agencies.

Sec. 7. The OWWA shall provide the seed money necessary to start the operations of this program as shall be determined thru actuarial computations. The OWWA shall administer the funds of the program which shall be kept distinct and separate from all funds administered by the said agency.

Sec. 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 196
MANDATING GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES TO
EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE ENR-SECAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the country's forest resources have been subjected to massive destruction brought about by socio-economic factors, such as increasing population pressure, poverty, and inappropriate forest policies;

WHEREAS, there is a need to address the adverse effects of forest destruction;

WHEREAS, the Government, in its efforts to preserve what remains of the biological diversity of the Philippines; to reestablish degraded forest resources wherever practicable and to introduce sustainable land use practices, entered into an agreement with the World Bank to implement the Environmental Sectoral Adjustment Loan (ENR-SECAL) Program;

WHEREAS, the ENR-SECAL program aims to pursue its objectives through concerted community action, institutional strengthening, preservation of integrated protected areas, regional community-based resource management projects and improvement of enforcement of logging rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that other government and national service agencies, aside from DENR, are involved in various aspects of the ENR-SECAL Program;

WHEREAS, to ensure the success of ENR-SECAL, there is a need to encourage more active participation of these agencies in program implementation and to strengthen collaboration among them through more functional and viable working arrangements at the central as well as the field level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following agencies to fully participate and assist in the implementation of the ENR-SECAL Program;

Section Participating Agencies shall be as follows:

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Department of Finance (DOF)
Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
Department of Agriculture (DA)
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)
Department of National Defense (DND)
Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
Department of Justice (DOJ)
Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
Philippine Information Agency (PIA)

Sec. 2. The various agencies shall undertake, among others, the following functions and responsibilities:

A. The DENR, as the lead agency responsible for the proper management and implementation of the program, shall:

1. Coordinate program implementation activities among concerned agencies;
2. Provide technical, administrative and secretariat support for the conduct of meetings, workshops, conferences and other related activities.

B. The DOF shall:

1. Ensure financial support in the allocation of resources for the realization of the ENR-SECAL targets;
2. Ensure that the availment of the loan proceeds is properly utilized in accordance with set policies under the loan agreement.

C. The DBM shall:

1. Ensure the timely processing and release of the budgetary requirements of the program;
2. Provide advice and assistance in setting-up the appropriate financial management system in accordance with program design;
3. Help facilitate the procurement of transportation and other equipment/facilities required by the program.

D. The DA, DAR, and DSWD shall:

1. Provide extension services within their jurisdictional authority to beneficiaries of the program;
2. Allocate resources to generate sustainable agro-forestry management and other livelihood opportunities for upland communities.

E. The DPWH shall:

- Assist in the development, maintenance and improvement of infrastructure projects in the program sites;
2. Ensure that constructions of infrastructure projects will not adversely affect the natural resources and biodiversity in the area;
3. Allocate substantial support funds for the infrastructure requirements of the program in expansion sites.

F. The DECS and PIA shall:

1. Intensify ongoing efforts to instill the value of natural resources development and conservation among school children in the area;

2. Assist in the campaign to promote awareness of the ENR-SECAL program, its components, and the benefits that will accrue to the community;
3. Extend the use of its facilities and other resources in advancing the IEC component of the program.

G. The DND, DILG/PNP and DOJ shall:

Assist in forest law enforcement operations and effective prosecution of forest law violators;

2. Ensure that the various task forces on law enforcement are adequately supported to enable them to carry out effective operation.

H. The DILG shall:

1. Assist in enhancing the capability of local governments to implement ENR-SECAL program components particularly those involving devolution of functions and responsibilities to LGUs;
2. Ensure that LGUs provide the necessary staff counter-parts and funding support for the maintenance of infrastructure facilities and sustain program implementation.

I. The NEDA shall:

1. Ensure that program implementation is consistent with the National Development Plan and adequately supported by regular appropriations and foreign assistance;
2. Assist in monitoring, evaluating and addressing problem areas related to implementation of Official Development Assistance (ODA) policies and programs.

Sec. 3. Other Technical and Administrative Support Requirements: Whenever it is deemed necessary, the DENR, through the DENR Secretary, may tap the assistance of other government agencies private/civic organizations, for the furtherance of the program's mandate.

Sec. 4. Effectivity: This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 197

CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR AND DEVELOP A
GROWTH CORRIDOR FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TO THE
PROVINCES OF RIZAL, LAGUNA AND QUEZON
(METRO MANILA-RIZAL-LAGUNA-QUEZON OR MARILAQUE GROWTH AREA)

WHEREAS, there is a need to fast-track the implementation of programs and projects to facilitate the development of the area from the National Capital Region to the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon to decongest Metro Manila and provide a growth link between Metro Manila the provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon; and,

WHEREAS, toward the integrated and harmonized development of the Metro Manila-Rizal-Laguna-Quezon or MARILAQUE Growth Area, there is a need to rationalize existing activities in these areas as well as to involve other government and non-government entities in the development efforts to achieve complementation of land use for these areas and the maximization of government's limited resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Creation of the Presidential Commission To Plan for and Develop a Growth Corridor From the National Capital Region to the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna, and Quezon (Metro Manila-Rizal-Laguna-Quezon or MARILAQUE Growth Area). There is hereby created a Presidential Commission to Plan for and Develop a Growth Corridor from the National Capital Region to the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", which shall be responsible for the orchestration and the coordination of development efforts for the Metro Manila-Rizal-Laguna-Quezon or MARILAQUE growth area.

Sec. 2. Composition. The Commission shall be chaired by the Chairman, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, and Co-chaired by Secretary Renato De Villa as Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region IV. Its members shall be composed of the following:

- a. Senior Deputy Executive Secretary, representing the Office of the Executive Secretary;
- b. Deputy Director General, National Economic and Development Authority;
- c. Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Highways;
- d. Undersecretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- e. Undersecretary, Department of Agrarian Reform;
- f. Undersecretary, Department of Trade and Industry;
- g. Undersecretary, Department of Interior and Local Government;
- h. Head, Presidential Management Staff;

- i. Concerned Local Government Executives to be identified by the Commissioner; and,
- j. Three (3) representatives in the private sector/non-government organizations to be recommended by the Commission and appointed by the President.

The government representatives in the Commission shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

Sec. 3. Functions and Responsibilities. The Presidential Commission shall:

- a. Prepare an inventory of all existing and proposed land use plans, programs and projects from the National Capital Region to the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon;
- b. Review existing development plans, as formulated by the Human Settlements Development Corporation for Lungsod Silangan, for the development of Lungsod Silangan;
- c. Based from the inventory, identify the potential growth areas which shall spur the development of the growth corridor from the National Capital Region to the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon;
- d. Cause the preparation of an integrated development plan for the identified growth area which shall consider and include the development of the area's agro-industry, housing, tourism, environment, natural resources and other investment activities, among others, for implementation by concerned government agencies or by the private sector, on a build-operate-transfer or other innovative schemes as may be recommended by the Commission to the President.

In the preparation of the Plan, the Commission shall utilize existing studies and recommendations of government and non-government agencies which have been involved in the planning and development of the areas from the National Capital Region to the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon;

- e. Adopt a process of maximum consultation with the local government units concerned and all interest groups in the localities to ensure that their needs, concerns and ideas are considered in the formulation and implementation of plans and development programs and projects;
- f. Ensure a fast-tracked implementation of the Integrated Development Plan for the growth area;
- g. Identify sources of fund, both local and foreign, which may be used for the implementation of development programs and projects for the growth area;
- h. Act as the central coordinating body on matters pertaining for the growth corridor and the growth area and as the issue-resolution body on any problems and issues which may arise in the formulation of the integrated development plan or in its implementation; and,
- i. Recommend to the appropriate Sanggunians such ordinances and measures as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the Plan, as approved by the President.

Sec. 4. Secretariat Support. The Commission shall be assisted by a full time Secretariat which shall be headed by an Executive Director to be appointed by the President as recommended by the Chairman of the Commission.

The Secretariat shall have such number of personnel as may be necessary for the efficient and effective performance of the Commission's functions.

Sec. 5. Funding. Funding for the Commission's operations for the years 1994 and 1995 shall come from the President's Contingent Fund, the amount for which shall be recommended by the

Commission. Appropriations for succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget of the Office of the President.

Expenditures of the Commission related to the development of Lungsod Silangan shall be sourced from the unobligated portion of the interest earnings of the Human Settlements Development Corporation-Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran-Processing Center Authority Trust Fund.

Sec. 6. Repealing Clause. All Existing Presidential Orders (M.O. No. 191 dated 12 February 1994 and A.O. No. 120 dated 03 March 1994) and other Presidential Directives covering Metro Manila and the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon shall remain in effect, except for portions thereof which are inconsistent with this order.

Sec. 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

Source: Presidential Management Staff

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 198

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 199
DECLARING AND DELINEATING THE DALAHICAN PORT ZONE UNDER THE
ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Port of Dalahican is a vital link to the islands of Marinduque, Southern Mindoro and Romblon;

WHEREAS, there is a need to delineate the Port of Dalahican for planning purposes to accommodate projected increases in port traffic and to program the development of the necessary port facilities to support the demands of the shipping trade within the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Dalahican is hereby delineated and particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at point marked 1 located at S 3643'W, 1318.74 M. from BM No. 9 CAD 112 LUCENA CADASTRE to CORNER No. 1, thence to point 2 at a distance of 117.24 m. with bearing N 6223'E, thence to point 3 at a distance of 166.29 m. with bearing N 6522'E, thence to point 4 at a distance of 236.49 m. with bearing N 7420'E, thence to point 5 at a distance of 73.00 m. with bearing N 1108'W, thence to point 6 at a distance of 106.62 in with bearing N 7945'E, thence to point 7 at a distance of 15.02 m. with bearing S 7207'E, thence to point 8 at a distance of 60.10 m. with bearing S 5138'E, thence to point 9 at a distance of 49.52 m. with bearing S 8351'E, thence to point 10 at a distance of 18.57 m. with bearing N 7000'E, thence to point 11 at a distance of 35.32 m. with bearing N 6552'E, thence to point 12 at a distance of 39.93 m. with bearing S 0529'W, thence to point 13 at a distance of 46.55 m. with bearing S 7959'E, thence to point 14 at a distance of 514.07 m. with bearing N 8652'E, thence to point 15 at a distance of 1045.00 m. with bearing DUE SOUTH, thence to point 16 at a distance of 740.18 m. with bearing DUE WEST, thence to point 17 at a distance of 311.36 m. with bearing DUE NORTH, thence to point 18 at a distance of 383.06 m. with bearing N 4303'W, thence to point 19 at a distance of 280.00 m. with bearing N 4934'W, thence to point 20 at a distance of 84.90 m. with bearing S 4511'W, thence to point 21 at a distance of 102.25 m. with bearing N 5156'W, thence back to point 1, the point of beginning at a distance 76.00 m. with bearing N 6047'E, all in all comprising a total area of 969,572.00 sq. m. more or less.

SECTION 2. The Dalahican Port Zone, as delineated, is hereby placed under the ownership and administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority, which shall, consistent with the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning, development and utilization of the port pursuant to PD 857 as amended.

SECTION 3. All other orders, proclamations and issuances, or portions thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 200
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE FULL COMPUTERIZATION OF THE LICENSURE
EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE VARIOUS REGULATORY BOARDS UNDER
THE SUPERVISION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, various professions have a crucial role to play in nation-building;

WHEREAS, the quality of the members of a profession and the confidence of the public in their competence depend to a significant extent on the adequacy and integrity of the professional licensure examination;

WHEREAS, the utilization of computers and information technology can considerably enhance the efficient and effective administration of licensure examinations, including measures to protect the integrity of the examination process and the expeditious release of results;

WHEREAS, under Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 223, as amended, and other professional regulatory laws, the licensure examination is a function carried out jointly by the Professional Regulation Commission and the various Professional Regulatory Boards and is the most vital means of initially certifying the technical fitness or competence of an aspirant for the practice of a profession; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 56, dated February 9, 1993, the administrative supervision over the Professional Regulation Commission pertains to the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Professional Regulation Commission shall undertake measures toward the full computerization of the licensure examinations of all Professional Regulatory Boards under the supervision of that Commission.

SEC. 2. The Professional Regulation Commission, in coordination with the various Professional Regulatory Boards, shall issue the necessary guidelines to implement the full computerization of licensure examinations to cover the following matters:

- A. Examination Objective, Standards, and Nature;
- B. Establishment and Operation of a Computerized Test Bank; and
- C. Correction of Test Papers and Grading, Deliberating, Decoding, and Release of Test Results through Computers.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 201
CREATING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article XVI of the Philippine Constitution provides that “The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefore and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources;”

WHEREAS, there are several existing government agencies and non-government organizations concerned with the welfare of veterans and their survivors;

WHEREAS, there is a need for overall planning and the coordination of these agencies for an integrated approach to the participation of veterans in the development of the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a multi-sectoral body to advise the Secretary of National Defense and the President of the Philippines towards this end;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V RAMOS, President Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order

Section 1. An Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs is hereby organized with the following membership:

Chairman:

Undersecretary for Veterans and Reserve Affairs
Department of National Defense

Co-Chairman

President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines

Members:

- a. Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office
- b. Executive Vice President, VFP
- c. Administrator, PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority
- d. President, Philippine Veterans Bank
- e. President, Philippine Veterans Investment and Development Corporation
- f. Chairman, The Board of Trustees of the Veterans of World War II
- g. Chairman, Filipino War Veterans Foundation, Inc.
- h. Secretary General, VFP
- i. Presidential Consultant on Military Affairs
- j. Presidential Consultant on Police Affairs

Section 2. The Council shall be an advisory body and shall have the following functions:

- a. To give advice and recommendations to the President of the Philippines thru the Secretary of National Defense on matters pertaining to the participation and involvement of veterans' organizations in national development programs and activities.
- b. To liaison with and provide information and advice, as requested, to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, House of Representatives and the appropriate Committee in the Senate, on veterans matters which require legislation.
- c. To monitor the implementation of programs and projects of veterans' organizations that are oriented toward national development.
- d. To exercise such other functions incidental to the above.

Section 3. The Council shall be attached to the Department of National Defense which shall be responsible for supervising its activities and providing it with technical and administrative support that may be required in the accomplishment of its mission.

Section 4. The Council may call on any government agency, office or instrumentality for assistance in the exercise of its functions.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 202
TRANSFERRING THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 1, Chapter 1, Title I, Book III of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, provides that the President shall have control of all executive departments, bureaus, and offices;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President in order to achieve economy and efficiency of the public service delivery; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need to improve interaction among appropriate government agencies and instrumentalities to develop the domestic capital market and promote savings mobilization in support of economic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

- Section 1** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is hereby transferred under the administrative supervision and control of the Department of Finance (DOF).
- Section 2** The relationship between the DOF and the SEC shall be governed by Subsections 1 and 2 of the Section 38, Chapter 7, Title III, Book IV of the Administrative Code. The DOF shall assume all oversight and other functions, administrative and otherwise, over the SEC including, but not limited to the formulation of policies on capital market development and savings mobilization.
- Section 3** All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.
- Section 4** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203
CREATING THE OVERSIGHT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES FOR THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA

WHEREAS, In line with the overall objective of national unity, the Executive Branch spearheaded the formulation of major national agenda to set the framework and direction for the efforts of all sectors of Philippine society;

WHEREAS, these major national agenda were framed with the active participation of the legislative branch, the private sector and non-government organizations;

WHEREAS, there are three existing major agenda of the national government, specifically: the Social Pact for Empowered Economic Development (SPEED); the results of the consultations of the National Unification Commission; and, the Social Reform Agenda;

WHEREAS, there are separate oversight, coordinating and monitoring mechanisms to ensure that various government and sectoral commitments that have been incorporated in each of the agenda are implemented and accomplished;

WHEREAS, to attain complementation of commitments for higher impact to identified beneficiaries, efficiency and cost-effectiveness in terms of savings of resources, the oversight, coordinating and monitoring mechanisms as well as the secretariat support for the three major agenda will have to be integrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Organizational Mechanisms. The following shall constitute the organizational mechanism to ensure implementation of the commitments under the Social Pact, results of the consultations of the National Unification Commission and Social Reform Agenda.

1.1 Oversight Committee: The Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council. The Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council is hereby designated to serve as the Oversight Committee which shall undertake the overall supervision, coordination and integration of the national government's three (3) major agenda.

The Oversight Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. Oversee and ensure the implementation of commitments under the Social Pact, results of NUC consultations, and Social Reform Agenda;
- b. Review and approve a master plan that will effectively integrate the three (3) major agenda; and,
- c. Determine all necessary policy and other interventions to ensure the successful implementation of the commitments under the three (3) agenda.

1.2 The Executive Committee: The Social Reform Agenda Council. The Social Reform Agenda Council is hereby designated as the Executive Committee for the national government's major social reform agenda.

a. Functions. The Executive Committee shall have the following specific functions:

Coordinate all concerns/requirements with various government agencies and non-government sectors to facilitate and ensure effective implementation of the agenda;
Draw-up supplementary agreements and implementing guidelines for the efficient and effective implementation of the commitments;

a.3 Review and resolve issues and concerns relative to the Social Pact, results of NUC consultations and Social Reform Agenda;

Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the various commitments;

Formulate a Master Plan to integrate the Social Pact, results of NUC consultations and Social Reform Agenda, for approval of the Oversight Committee;

a.6 Ensure compliance by all departments/agencies of the commitments under the three (3) major agenda;

Submit regular integrated accomplishment reports to the Oversight Committee; and,

Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Oversight Committee.

b. Composition. The President shall serve as the Chairman of the Executive Committee, with the Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform as Vice-Chairman and Lead Convenor. The membership of the committee shall include the nine (9) Agency Flagship Champions as designated under Memorandum Order No. 213 dated 17 June 1994 as well as the following:

Executive Secretary	– Executive Liaison
Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process	– Peace and Unification
b.3 Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning	– Economic Planning
Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	– Basic Services (Education)
Secretary of Health	– Basic Services (Health)
b.6 Secretary of Budget and Management	– Public Administration
b.7 Commissioner, Presidential Commission to Fight Poverty	– Poverty Alleviation
Commissioner, Presidential Council on Countryside Development	– Rural Development
Representatives (one each)	– Basic Sectors
	– Labor Sector
	– Business Sector
	– Non-Government Organizations

1.3 Secretariat Support: The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process. The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process shall provide the necessary staff support to the Executive Committee/SRA Council.

SEC. 2. Responsible Agencies for the Implementation of the Commitments Under the Agenda. The actual implementation of the commitments under the three national government's major agenda shall still be undertaken by the concerned departments and agencies that have sectoral or functional responsibility/jurisdiction over the commitments, whether individually or jointly.

SEC. 3. Schedule of Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month, or as often as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 4. Funding. The Executive Committee shall be appropriated an amount as may be jointly determined and recommended by the Secretaries of the Departments of Agrarian Reform and Budget and Management and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, and to be approved by the President, for its operations. Said fund shall be sourced from the President's Contingent Fund.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. This Executive Order repeals or modifies Administrative Order No. 79 dated 08 September 1993, and all orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent thereto.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 27th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 204
MODIFYING THE NOMENCLATURE AND RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN
IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS
CODE OF 1978 (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464), AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Sections 104 and 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code (Presidential Decree No. 1464 [1978]), as amended, empower the President, upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority, to increase, reduce or remove existing protective rates of import duty, as well as to modify the form of duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex “A” hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall pay the rates of import duty in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex “A”; Provided, that the rates of duty indicated herein shall continue to be levied, imposed, and collected in the succeeding years unless otherwise amended.

SEC. 2. The nomenclature and rates of import duties of tariff headings not enumerated and those listed but represented by the symbol “x x x” in the aforesaid Annex “A” shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 3. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles specifically listed in the aforesaid Annex “A” which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the rates of duty therein prescribed.

SEC. 4. All Presidential issuances, administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect 30 days following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex "A"

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

Note: This issuance is followed by Executive Order No. 208, s. 1994.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 208
FURTHER DEFINING THE COMPOSITION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF
THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE ROLE OF FILIPINO WOMEN

WHEREAS, Sec. 14 of Art. XIII of the Philippine Constitution provides for the protection of women by providing such facilities and opportunities that will enhance their welfare and enable them to realize their full potential in the service of the nation;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 633 dated 7 January 1975 created the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, to ensure the full integration of women for economic, social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels and to ensure further the equality between men and women;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 348 dated 17 February 1989 approved and adopted the Philippine Development Plan for Women for 1989-1992, as prepared by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority; and tasked the said agencies to monitor the implementation of the Plan;

WHEREAS, with the completion of the Philippine Development Plan for Women in 1992, there is a need to strengthen the mandate of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, pursuant to Republic Act 7192 or the Women in Development and Nation Building Act, which tasks the Commission to provide assistance in ensuring the formulation and nationwide implementation of gender-responsive government policies, programs and projects; and,

WHEREAS, Section 20, Book III of Executive Order No. 292 (Revised Administrative Code), and Section 60 of the General Provisions of R.A. No. 7663 empower the President to direct changes in the organization and key positions in any department, bureau, or agency in the Executive Branch.

NOW THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the further definition of the composition, powers and functions of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women.

SECTION 1. Composition of the Commission. The National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”, shall be composed of twenty one (21) members, as follows:

- 1.1 A Chairperson who shall be appointed by the President;
- 1.2 Ten (10) representatives from the Government, who are heads of the following Departments: Labor and Employment (DOLE); National Economic Development Authority (NEDA); Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); Agriculture (DA); Education, Culture and Sports (DECS); Health (DOH); Foreign Affairs (DFA); Interior and Local Government (DILG); Trade and Industry (DTI); and, Budget and Management (DBM); and,
Ten (10) members from the non-governmental organizations representing the following: Labor; Business and Industry; Science and Health; Education or Academe; Urban Poor;

Indigenous Peoples; Peasants and Fisherfolks, Elderly and Disabled; Media and Arts; Youth; and, a representative of the National Council of Women in the Philippines.

SEC. 2. Status of the Commission. The Commission shall have the same status as that of a government agency attached to the Office of the President.

SEC. 3. Nature of the Commission. The Commission shall be the primary policy-making and coordinating body of all women development programs and institutions in the Philippines: Provided, That in case of women development programs of various line departments, the same shall be formulated and implemented by the respective Departments with the assistance of the Commission within the framework of the Philippine development plans for women that will be adopted thereafter.

SEC. 4. Objectives of the Commission. The objectives of the Commission are:

To promote women's empowerment through the policies and programs for women's effective participation and as full and equal partners of men in the social, economic and political development as well as in nation building; and,
To enable Government agencies to effectively address gender concerns in development processes from planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation in the national and local levels.

SEC. 5. Functions of the Commission. The functions of the Commission are hereby re-focused as follows:

- 5.1 Institute the gender responsiveness of national developments plans and coordinate the preparation, assessment and updating of the National Plan for Women, ensure its implementation and monitor the performance of government agencies in the implementation of the Plan at all levels;
Undertake continuing advocacy to promote women economic, social and political empowerment and provide technical assistance in the setting-up and strengthening of mechanisms on gender mainstreaming; and,
- 5.3 Ensure that the gains achieved by Filipino women due to Philippine culture and tradition shall be preserved and enhanced in the process of modernization.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the city of Manila, this 10th day of October, in the Year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209
ADJUSTMENT OF DIVIDEND RATE OF SELECTED GOVERNMENT-OWNED
AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS ON THEIR 1993 EARNINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7656

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No 7656 provides that:

“Section 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State that in order for the national government to realize additional revenues, government-owned or -controlled corporations, without impairing their viability and the purposes for which they have been established, shall share a substantial amount of their net earnings to the National Government.”

WHEREAS, to support the viability and mandate of the government-owned and -controlled corporations, the liquidity, retained earnings position and medium term plans and programs of these government-owned and -controlled corporations were considered in the determination of the reasonable dividend rates of such corporations on their 1993 net earnings;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of RA 7656, the Secretary of Finance recommended the adjustment on the percentage of annual net earnings that shall be declared by various government-owned and -controlled corporations in the interest of national economy and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The percentage of net earnings to be declared and remitted by the following government-owned and -controlled corporations as dividends to the National Government as provided for under Sec. 3 of Republic Act No. 7656 is adjusted from at least fifty percent (50%) to the rates specified therein:

Manila International Airport Authority	ten percent
Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System	twenty percent
National Development Company	zero percent
National Power Corporation	zero percent
Natural Resource and Development Corporation	forty percent
PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority	ten percent
Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority	thirty percent

SEC. 2. The adjusted dividend rates provided for under Section 1 are only applicable on 1993 net earnings of the concerned government-owned and -controlled corporations.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 210
AMENDING SECTION 6 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 152, DATED JANUARY 21, 1994

WHEREAS, there is a need to effectively implement and coordinate the National Program for Unification and Development (NPUD) at the regional, provincial, city, and municipal levels through the establishment of corresponding regional and local councils;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 152, series of 1994, authorized the NPUD Council to establish in every region a Regional Program for Unification and Development Council (RPUDC), as well as corresponding councils at the provincial, city, and municipal levels;

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Development Council and the POC are one and the same person who is either the provincial governor or the mayor, thus, creating a two-man Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Section 6 of Executive Order No. 152, series of 1994, to read as follows;

“Sec. 6. Program Implementation and Coordination at the Provincial, City and Municipal Levels. – The National Program for Unification and Development Council shall further establish corresponding councils at the provincial, city and municipal levels to be composed of the Governor/Mayor and the PNP Director/Station Commander who, in turn, shall together select one (1) representative from the private sector, in consultation with Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, as the third member. Among themselves, they shall also elect a Chairman.”

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.

(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(SGD.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 211
PLACING THE NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR UNIFICATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, a comprehensive peace process was launched by the government for the attainment of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Presidency to provide active leadership in the pursuit of the comprehensive peace process;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Program for Unification and Development Council established under Executive Order No. 152 dated January 21, 1994 is hereby placed directly under the Office of the Executive Secretary.

SEC. 2. The National Program for Unification and Development Council established for the purpose shall now be composed of the following:

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| a. The Executive Secretary | – Chairman |
| b. The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government | – Member |
| c. The Secretary of National Defense | – Member |
| d. The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development | – Member |
| e. The Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process | – Member |

The Secretary concerned, in case of incapacity, illness, or other justifiable reasons, may be represented in the Council by his senior undersecretary.

SEC. 3. Executive Order No. 152 dated January 21, 1994, as amended, is hereby amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 212
ACCELERATING THE DEMONOPOLIZATION AND PRIVATIZATION
PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENT PORTS IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 19 of the Constitution declares that “the State shall regulate or prohibit monopolies when the public interest so requires. No combinations in restraint of trade or unfair competition shall be allowed;”

WHEREAS, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is mandated by Section 2 of its Charter, Presidential Decree No. 857, as amended, to optimize port financing and development to ensure the smooth flow of waterborne commerce passing thru the country’s ports;

WHEREAS, operation of cargo handling and port services by a single cargo handling or port service contractor tends to breed inefficiency; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to accelerate the demonopolization and privatization programs initiated by the Government for all ports under the administration of the PPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. ***Demonopolization Program.*** – The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), through the PPA, shall accelerate the demonopolization and liberalization of all government ports in the country by allowing and encouraging competition in the provision of cargo handling and other port services in every government port or terminal facility, consistent with cargo volume, revenue and physical configuration of the port or terminal facility.

Under this program, shipowners, ship operators, charterers or other users shall have the option to contract or engage the services of the PPA-authorized cargo handler or port service contractor of their choice. Towards this end, the PPA shall:

- a. Respect all existing cargo handling or port service contracts with the PPA but shall not renew these upon their expiration including those contracts with a renewal option on the part of the PPA;
- b. Award or grant, through competitive public bidding, non-exclusive multi-year contracts of sufficient duration to allow the cargo handling or port service contractor to realize a reasonable return on its investments in equipment and other facilities; and
- c. Allow the participation of cooperatives as cargo handling or port service contractors in ports where manual labor is predominantly employed due to low volumes or the nature of cargo being handled.

Section 2. ***Privatization Program.*** – The DOTC, as the lead agency, through the PPA, shall encourage and expand the participation of the private sector in the operation, maintenance and development of all government ports in the country through the following:

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- a. Capital leases to allow the private sector to operate, maintain and develop port facilities and to charge appropriate rates for services provided to users;
 - b. Cargo licenses to private companies to undertake cargo handling services in ports which cannot be considered under the capital lease concept for strategic and economic reasons. Tariffs shall also be deregulated and shall be based on negotiations between cargo handling companies and users;
 - c. Service contracts to private companies with the manpower, logistics and expertise to efficiently carry out dredging, port security, and other such services to the private sector in the ports;
 - d. Tariff review to eliminate charges on private ports and promote private sector investment in the development of other private ports in the country.

In all of the above undertakings, the DOTC, through the PPA, shall ensure that the government shall realize a reasonable return on its investments.

Section 3. *Preparation of a National Port Transport Plan.* – The DOTC shall prepare a comprehensive National Port Transport Plan responsive to the needs of regional development and compatible with the Privatization Program, in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the PPA, integrating an intermodal transport network that will efficiently and effectively link road, rail, sea and air transport systems.

The National Port Transport Plan shall be maintained on a 15-year cycle and the initial plan shall be submitted to the Office of the President within one (1) year from the issuance of this Executive Order.

All local government units and national government agencies shall notify the PPA of all port projects undertaken pursuant to Republic Act No. 7718 for proper coordination and consolidation into the National Port Transport Plan.

Section 4. *Cartels and Unfair Trade Practices.* – In the implementation of the Demonopolization and Privatization Programs, the PPA shall ensure that free access to the ports is allowed to all sectors of the industry and that there shall be no discrimination in the provision and availment of services or contracts.

There shall be no interlocking stockholders, directors or officers or common management between or among cargo handlers, port service contractors or other port-related companies operating in the port or terminal facility. Circumstances indicating such discriminatory behavior, cartel or similar arrangements, or unfair trade practices that defeat the objectives of this Executive Order shall be a ground for the suspension or cancellation of any cargo handling or port service contract with the PPA.

Section 5. *Redundancy Provision.* – The PPA shall adopt appropriate measures to protect the interests of redundant and displaced PPA and port personnel resulting from the implementation of the Demonopolization and Privatization Programs. Towards this end, the PPA shall provide redundancy or separation benefits as may be authorized under existing laws. Likewise, the PPA shall ensure that the welfare and security of tenure of port workers are assured in every port that is privatized.

Section 6. *Other Agencies Assistance.* – All government departments, offices, agencies or instrumentalities, government-owned or controlled corporations, including but not limited to the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Finance, the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the NEDA, the Bureau of

Customs and the Maritime Industry Authority are hereby ordered to assist and coordinate with the DOTC and the PPA in the implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 7. ***Implementing Rules.*** – The PPA, with the approval of the DOTC, shall prepare the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.

Section 8. ***Repealing Clause.*** – This Executive Order repeals or amends all executive, department and other agency issuances or any provision thereof inconsistent herewith.

Section 9. ***Effectivity.*** – This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 213
DEREGULATING DOMESTIC SHIPPING RATES

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 185 was issued on 28 June 1994, opening the domestic water transport industry to new Operators and investors and minimizing government intervention and control over the domestic shipping industry to attract more investments under an environment of free-market competition;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 185 liberalizes only the entry of vessels into liner routes but has not covered the deregulation of domestic shipping rates;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to deregulate domestic shipping rates by the government which prescribes such rates based on an outdated commodity classification by then Public Service Commission which is considered obsolete and unrealistic;

WHEREAS, the supply and demand in the domestic shipping industry would determine the rates of shipping services provided/availed of, as now widely practiced internationally;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. DEREGULATION OF PASSAGE RATES. – Passage rates are hereby deregulated as follows:

First and Second Class. – Passenger rates for First Class and Second Class rates are hereby deregulated for all passenger-carrying domestic vessels; ***Provided***, That such accommodation is in accordance with the service standards prescribed by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA); ***Provided***, Further, That, at least fifty percentum (50%) of the authorized passenger capacity of the vessel shall be allocated and reserved for Third Class accommodation, whose rates shall be regulated by the MARINA.

Tourism-Oriented Vessels. – For vessels catering to tourism as duly certified by the Department of Tourism (DOT), or passenger vessels of any type/size serving DOT-identified tourist priority links/areas, they shall be exempted from the requirement of allocating 50% of their total passenger capacity for Third Class accommodation, and accordingly, their passage rates are hereby deregulated, unless the operators opt to have their rates rationalized/prescribed by the MARINA.

Vessels Not Covered Above. – In cases where only First and Second Class passenger accommodations are provided by a vessel under the MARINA-prescribed service standards, or where Third Class passenger accommodations provided by a vessel is less than 50% of the vessel's total passenger capacity, the Second Class passenger rates shall be regulated in accordance with the prescribed rates as determined by the MARINA.

SEC. 2. DEREGULATION OF CARGO SHIPPING OR FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates for all commodities now classified as Class “A” and “B” and “C” are hereby deregulated, except for non-containerized basic commodities the freight rates of which shall continue to be regulated, with the MARINA prescribing the indicative/reference rates thereto; *Provided*, that the Government hereby reserves its right to intervene in cases of unreasonably high rates, especially with respect to basic commodities. In cases, however, where a route/link is still monopolized or cartelized as determined by the MARINA, the freight rates to be charged therein shall remain regulated until such time that a new operator is authorized to operate in such route/link to provide cost-effective/competitive shipping service, as defined by the MARINA.

SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES.

The MARINA, in coordination with the Philippine Shipper’s Bureau of the Department of Trade and Industry, is hereby directed to undertake the needed activities and issue the pertinent rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Executive Order. The implementing guidelines shall include sanctions on ship owners who will refuse cargo, especially basic commodities, without just and reasonable cause.

All government departments, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, are hereby ordered to assist, coordinate, and cooperate with the MARINA in the implementation of this Order.

SEC. 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. – This Order repeals or amends all executive, departments and other agency issuances, or any provision thereof inconsistent with this Order.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take the effect fifteen (15) days after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 214
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR THE CLEANEST AND
GREENEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the National Committee on the Search for the Cleanest and Greenest Local Government Units of the Philippines was created under Memorandum Order No. 187, series of 1993;

WHEREAS, the Search is an effective mechanism for inculcating in the minds of the Filipinos the values of discipline, cooperation, resourcefulness, self-reliance, cleanliness, and environmental awareness;

WHEREAS, there is a need to formally establish the Presidential Awards for the Cleanest and Greenest Local Government Units of the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Creation of the Awards. – The following Presidential Awards are hereby created:

Cleanest and Greenest Municipalities of the Philippines
Category A: First to Third Class Municipalities Cluster
Category B: Fourth to Sixth Class Municipalities Cluster
Cleanest and Greenest Cities of the Philippines
Category A: Highly Urbanized Cities Cluster
Category B: Component Cities Cluster
Cleanest and Greenest Province of the Philippines

Sec. 2. Selection of Awardees. – The parameters to be used in selecting the Presidential Awardees shall be determined by the National Search Committee.

Sec. 3. Awards and Prizes. – The Presidential Awards shall be conferred to each national awardee as indicated in Section 1 hereof, through the local chief executive concerned, in the form of a Presidential Trophy and a Cash Prize of not less than One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for livelihood projects, to be sourced from the President's Social Fund.

Likewise, each of the national finalists representing the regional winners for the five (5) categories shall be conferred a Presidential Plaque of Commendation.

Sec. 4. Design Specifications. – The National Historical Institute of the Presidential Commission on Culture and the Arts shall prescribe the design specifications of the Presidential Trophy and Presidential Plaque of Commendation.

Sec. 5. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) LEONARDO A. QUISUMBING
Acting Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1994). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 215
PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY
OF HEALTH SERVICES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

WHEREAS, certain health functions and responsibilities of the Department of Health have been devolved to local government units on 31 December 1992 pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, the efficient and effective discharge of such devolved health functions and responsibilities by local government units depends greatly on the morale and social and economic well being of their health workers;

WHEREAS, Section 19 of Republic Act No. 7305, the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers, stipulates that the salary scales of public health workers whose salaries are appropriated by local government units shall not be less than those provided for public health workers of the National Government;

WHEREAS, the adoption of the fund allotment system, prescribed under Department of Budget and Management and Commission on Audit Joint Circular No. 93-2 (Budget Operations Manual for Local Government Units) issued pursuant to Section 354 of the Local Government Code, will not only expedite devolved hospital financial and procurement operations but also ensure better accountability in the usage of public funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Oversight Committee constituted under Section 533 of the Local Government Code, do hereby order and direct:

Section 1. Section 5(c) of Executive Order No. 164 dated 8 March 1994 shall be deemed amended insofar as the devolved public health workers are concerned to read as follows:

“The salary scales of public health workers devolved to or appointed by local government units shall follow the same salary scales for health workers of the National Government under the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System implemented through this Order No. 164.

Local government units which do not have adequate or sufficient funds to pay the salary increases herein authorized shall only partially implement the established rates uniformly and proportionately for all health worker positions.”

Section 2. Local government units shall prepare, or revise if they have already prepared, their 1995 annual budgets to give the highest priority to the funding requirements of their devolved health responsibilities, inclusive of the benefits guaranteed by law for their health workers, devolved or otherwise.

Section 3. Provincial government shall pass the necessary ordinances to implement the following: (a) expansion of the coverage of their fund allotment system, as prescribed under

Joint Circular No. 93-2 of the Department of Budget and Management and the Commission on Audit, to include their devolved hospitals; and (b) rationalization of the usage and deployment of their devolved hospitals and other health facilities, which may include consolidation or merger, privatization and inter-local joint financing.

Section 4. The Secretary of Health shall extend the necessary technical and financial assistance to the local government units in the exercise of their devolved health functions and responsibilities.

Section 5. The rules and regulations to implement this order shall be jointly issued by the Secretaries of Health, Interior and Local Government, and Budget and Management.

Section 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of December, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 216
IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6975

WHEREAS, the DND-AFP has long exercised primary responsibility over internal security of the country,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12 of Republic Act (RA) 6975, the DILG-PNP shall assume primary responsibility on matters affecting internal security, including the suppression of insurgency effective January 1, 1995;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the same provision of law, the President, upon the recommendation of the peace and order council, may call upon the AFP to assume the primary role in addressing the insurgency concerns in a particular area under certain circumstances,

WHEREAS, there is need to assure smoothness, continuity, consistency, integration and coordination of efforts particularly during and incidental to the shifting of roles to assume primary or supporting roles and vice-versa,

NOW, therefore, I, **FIDEL V RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1 - The DND and the DILG shall jointly prepare for the approval of the President Implementing Guidelines to enhance the internal security management system which shall, among others, define the strategic concept of the internal security program, determine the various levels of internal security conditions, the appropriate government responses for each level, and the responsibilities for primary and supporting roles of concerned agencies and forces in each case, in order to ensure continued, consistent, integrated and coordinated internal security measures

Section 2. Primary Role. - As used herein, primary role shall mean providing the principal planning, direction, control, and resources for internal security operations, including the suppression of insurgency.

Section 3. Support Role. - As used herein, support role shall mean assisting the lead agency with adequate personnel and material resources for internal security operations, including the suppression of insurgency.

Section 4. Initial Roles. - Pursuant to RA 6975, the DILG-PNP shall assume the primary role, with the DND-AFP in the support role, in internal security operations effective January 1, 1995 except in areas as herein specified. As recommended by the National Peace and Order Council in its Resolution No. 10-94, the DND-AFP is hereby called upon to undertake the primary role, with the DILG-PNP in the support role, on matters affecting internal security including the suppression of insurgency in the following areas:

- a. All provinces in the island of Mindanao;
- b. All the island provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi;
- c. All provinces in the island of Panay;
- d. All provinces in the island of Samar;

- e. All provinces within the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR); and
- f. Southern Quezon and all provinces of the Bicol Region.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that general law enforcement functions nationwide shall continue to be the primary concern of the DILG-PNP.

Section 5. Change of Roles. The President may, upon the recommendation of the National Peace and Order Council, call upon the AFP to assume the primary role in internal security operations in other areas or approve the turn-over of the same to PNP in others, depending upon the internal security condition in each particular area.

Section 6. – As part of the internal security management system, there shall be established a Joint AFP-PNP Secretariat that shall monitor internal security operations, determine the existing or projected internal security condition level in each particular area, prepare integrated plans, facilitate inter-agency coordination and prepare appropriate reports to the President pertaining to the internal security program and other internal security concerns.

Section 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this **16th** day of December, in the year of our LORD, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 217

AMENDING SECTION 1.2 (b) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203, DATED
27 SEPTEMBER 1994, “CREATING THE OVERSIGHT AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEES FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT’S MAJOR
SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA”

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Social Reform Agenda (SRA) requires the full participation of the Basic Sectors and other non-government sectors, in consonance with the principles thereof in pursuit of people empowerment, through the adequate representation of these sectors in the Social Reform Council as the executive body of the SRA;

WHEREAS, in the Social Reform Summit which was held on 27 September 1994, the government and the Basic Sectors agreed to forge a partnership to pursue social reform, and under which the government has agreed to expand the participation and representation of the Basic Sectors in the Social Reform Council; and,

WHEREAS, to ensure wider and adequate representation of the Basic, Labor and Business Sectors, and the non-government organizations (NGOs), there is a need to further define and clarify Section 1.2 b of Executive Order No. 203, Series of 1994.

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Section 1.2 b of Executive Order No. 203, Series of 1994, which specifically designates the composition of the Social Reform Council, to read as follows:

“b.9 Non-government Representatives

Ten (10) from the Basic Sectors

One (1) per sector

(1) from the organized Labor Sector;

(1) from the Business Sector;

(1) from the Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)”

In addition, the following provision is hereby included:

“c. Nomination Process for Non-government Representatives. The President shall appoint sectoral representatives from a list of nominees to be endorsed by the Lead Convenor. To set in motion the nomination process for the Basic Sectors, each Flagship Champion shall convene the sectoral organizations which participated in the Social Reform Summit. These sectoral organizations shall agree on and implement a nomination process and submit a maximum of three (3) nominees for endorsement by the Flagship Champion concerned to the Lead Convenor.

For the Business, Formal Labor and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), a similar process shall be followed in which the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) shall function as their convening/endorsing agencies, respectively.”

This Executive Order takes effect immediately

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 20th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA,
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 218
SECOND YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW
SALARY SCHEDULE IN THE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the government has adopted the new Salary Schedule contained in Joint Senate-House of Representatives Resolution No. 1, series of 1994;

WHEREAS, the new salary schedule was initially implemented in 1994 in accordance with Executive Order No. 164 and National Compensation Circular No. 72;

WHEREAS, the amount of P15.1 billion is appropriated in the CY 1995 General Appropriations Act to cover, among others, the adjustment in basic salary of government personnel as authorized by said Joint Resolution in amount not less than one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the second year implementation of the new Salary Schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, R.A. No. 6758, P.D. No. 985 and P.D. No. 1597, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. New Salary Schedule. The Department of Budget and Management is hereby directed to implement a second interim Salary Schedule effective January 1, 1995 reflecting an increase of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) over the basic monthly salaries of government personnel as of December 31, 1994.

Heads of all national government departments and agencies including government owned and/or controlled corporations and local government units shall not grant compensation adjustment in excess of the amount herein authorized.

SECTION 2. Coverage. This Order shall cover all officials and employees of the national government, government-owned and controlled corporations including government financial institutions, and local government units, whose basic salaries conform to the new Salary Schedule prescribed under Executive Order No. 164. Officials and employees whose basic pay are higher than those prescribed under the new Salary Schedule are not entitled to the salary increase authorized herein.

SECTION 3. Continuation of Personnel Economic Relief Allowance and Additional Compensation. Personnel Economic Relief Allowance and the additional compensation authorized under Administrative Order No. 53 shall continue to be paid as allowances and not integrated into basic pay.

SECTION 4. Funding Source. The funding sources for the amounts necessary to implement the revised compensation and position classification system shall be as follows:

- a. For national government entities, the amount shall be changed against the appropriations set aside for the purpose in the 1995 General Appropriations Act and from savings generated from the different departments, bureaus, offices, and agencies. Thereafter, such amounts as are needed shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

- b. For government-owned and/or controlled corporations (GOCCs), the amount shall come from their respective corporate funds.
- c. For local government units (LGUs), the amount shall be charged against their respective local funds.

GOCCs and LGUs which do not have adequate or sufficient funds to pay the salary increase prescribed herein shall only partially implement the established rates: PROVIDED, That any partial implementation shall be uniform and proportionate for all positions in each corporate entity or local government unit.

SECTION 5. Applicability to Certain Constitutional Officials. Pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII and Section 10 of Article VI of the Constitution, the compensation adjustment prescribed herein for the President, Vice-President, and Members of the House of Representatives shall take effect only after the expiration of the respective term of the present incumbents, and with respect to Senators, only after the expiration of the term of all the incumbent Senators.

SECTION 6. Implementing Guidelines. The Department of Budget and Management shall prepare and issue the necessary guidelines for the implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect January 1, 1995.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 219
ESTABLISHING THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
AVIATION LIBERALIZATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution provides: “the State shall regulate or prohibit monopolies when the public interests require. No combination in restraint of trade or unfair competition shall be allowed;”

WHEREAS, the policy the liberalization has been adopted in line with the Constitutional mandate and in pursuit of the Philippines 2000 strategy of Global Competitiveness;

WHEREAS, in the current thrust to expand investment and trade, and increase access for Filipino as well as foreign passengers, there is urgent need for the Philippines to improve air service availability, quality and efficiency through exposure to foreign markets and competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION

- 1 Carrier Designation. At least two (2) international carriers shall be designated official carrier(s) for the Philippines. However, if the designated carrier(s) do not service the total frequency entitlement of the Philippines under existing Air Services Agreements or other arrangements, then additional carrier(s) may be designated to operate such unused frequencies;
- 2 Traffic Rights and Routes. The exchange of traffic rights and routes with other countries shall be based on (a) the National Interest which shall include value for the Philippines in terms of promoting international trade, foreign investments and tourism, among others; and on (b) the reciprocity between the Philippines and other countries. Reciprocity shall be interpreted to mean the exchange of rights, freedoms, and opportunities of equal or equivalent value. The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) shall determine “national interest” taking into consideration the larger interest of the country, especially the users of air services.
- 3 Frequency and Capacity. All grants of frequencies or capacity to, any increase of existing frequencies or capacities of and/or the grant of new routes or traffic points to any foreign carrier (even if on a provisional basis) shall be the sole prerogative of the CAB subject to the confirmation of the Office of the President. The following rules shall determine the frequency and capacity for the carriers concerned:
 - a. Frequency and capacity of third and fourth freedom carriers will be determined based on reciprocity and value of the Philippines.
 - b. Fifth freedom traffic shall be secondary and supplemental to third and fourth freedom traffic except that the CAB may grant fifth freedom rights in order to promote the development of routes and destinations.

- c. The CAB may authorize special flights when, for any reason whatsoever, the designated carrier(s) fail to accommodate a route/link traffic demand.

Tariff and Fares. The CAB shall regulate the fares, rates and charges of foreign designated carriers in accordance with existing laws. Reciprocity and value for the Philippines shall be considered in granting discounted or promotional fares and rates. To the extent possible, air transportation tickets of Filipino citizens residing in the Philippines shall be purchased, issued and paid in the Philippines.

Charters and Non-Scheduled Services. The CAB may authorize chartered flights and non-scheduled services provided the traffic of the scheduled services shall not be significantly diverted.

Developmental and Cooperative Air Services. The CAB may grant authority to operate air services principally for the development of routes, destinations and gateways but not to exceed one (1) year.

Further, authority shall be granted in the operation of air services connecting non-premier city airports of other countries to new international gateways of the country as provided for under economic cooperation agreements with the Philippines.

- 7 Composition of Negotiating and Consultation Panels. The following rules shall define the composition of the Air Negotiating Panel and the Consultation panel:
 - a. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall be the lead agency responsible for the initial negotiations leading to the conclusion of the Air Services Agreements or similar arrangements. The Philippine Negotiating Panel shall be composed of representatives from the DFA (as Chairman), representatives of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), the Philippine designated carrier(s) and such other person(s) as may be authorized by the President of the Philippines.
 - b. In similar succeeding negotiation of these Air Services Agreements or similar arrangements (consultation talks), the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), through the CAB shall be the lead agency involved in coordinating all necessary preparations. The Philippine Consultation Panel shall be composed of representatives from the CAB (as Chairman), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Philippine designated carrier(s) and other person(s) as may be authorized by the Secretary of Transportation and Communications.

2 DOMESTIC AIR TRANSPORTATION

- 2 Entry Into and Exit from the Industry. To the extent allowed by law, transportation industry shall be liberalized. A minimum of two (2) operators in each route/link shall be encouraged. Routes/links presently serviced by only one (1) operator shall be open for entry to additional operator(s).

The right of an existing operator to leave a particular route shall be recognized subject, however, to the statutory obligation that “no carrier shall abandon any route, or part thereof for which a permit has been issued, unless upon findings by the CAB that such abandonment is uneconomical and is in the public interest.” (Last par., Sec. 11, R.A. No. 776)

2.2 Tariffs and Fares. To the extent allowed by law passage freight and other charges shall be liberalized. However, passage rates shall likewise be deregulated for routes/links operated by more than one (1) common carrier. For routes serviced by a single operator, passage rates shall continue to be regulated. However, all freight rates, charges and passage rates shall be monitored by the CAB.

All government agencies and instrumentalities including the government-owned or controlled corporations are hereby ordered to assist, cooperate and support the implementation of this Order.

This Executive Order amends and/or revokes all executive, department and agency issuances or any provision thereof inconsistent with this Order. The Civil Aeronautics Board is hereby directed to issue implementing rules and regulations in compliance with this Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred Ninety Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 220

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Malacañang Records Office. (2015). *[Memorandum: certification and official count of Presidential Issuances]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 221
CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY AND EXTENT OF THE POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-CRIME COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 3 dated 7 July 1992, the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (PACC) was established with the principal task of directing and coordinating the activities of various law enforcement agencies to effect a more vigorous campaign against criminality; and

WHEREAS, to prevent the overlapping of functions, streamline the operations, and identify the responsibilities of the various law enforcement agencies involved, it is necessary to clarify the authority and extent of the powers and functions of the PACC.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 3, s. 1992, the PACC shall act primarily as a coordinating body with such powers and functions enumerated under said Executive Order. For this purpose, the PACC's technical and administrative staff shall be organized into a coordinating center or secretariat.

Sec. 2. The PACC may call upon existing units or offices of the Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, National Prosecution Service, and other law enforcement agencies enumerated in Section 5 of Executive Order No. 3, upon prior coordination with the head of agency concerned, to carry out the mandated functions of such agencies with respect to the crimes enumerated in Section 4 of the said Executive Order. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 3, the PACC shall not conduct independent police operations or investigations.

Sec. 3. The PACC shall have general supervision over all task forces organized in accordance with Executive Order No. 3. Operational control over task forces composed entirely of representatives from an implementing law enforcement agency shall be retained by such agency. Operational control over a task force composed of representatives from a combination of any of the implementing law enforcement agencies mentioned in Section 5 of Executive Order No. 3 shall be exercised by the implementing law enforcement agency whose representative is designated to lead such task force.

Sec. 4. The PACC shall undertake research work and maintain a database of information relating to crimes, offenders, *modus operandi*, victims and other information that may be submitted or culled from the reports of the various law enforcement agencies enumerated in Section 5 of Executive Order No. 3 for the purpose of advancing the fight against criminality and the efforts at improving the administration of justice.

Sec. 5. All policy decisions by the PACC, as a collegial body, shall be taken by a majority vote of all its members.

Sec. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 222
ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE ON WATER CONSERVATION
AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, water is a basic necessity essential to human survival and to sustainable economic development.

WHEREAS, water has scarcity value and as a precious commodity should be conserved and rationally and optimally utilized.

WHEREAS, the country's water resources continue to deteriorate in quality and abate in quantity thereby raising the probability of critical water shortfalls in the immediate future.

WHEREAS, the pollution of our water bodies and the impending shortfall in water supply may be attributed to our disregard of the importance of water to human survival.

WHEREAS, there is now an urgent need to properly manage the utilization of the nation's water resources to ensure that human and economic needs are provided for in a sustainable way.

WHEREAS, a water conservation program must now be set in place and implemented through coordinative, consultative and mutually-supportive mechanisms where the private sector plays an active role.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation and Composition. A Committee on Water Conservation and Demand Management, herein referred to as the Committee, is hereby created. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

a. Department of Public Works and Highways	Chairman
b. Department of Energy	Co-Chairman
c. Department of Interior and Local Government	Member
d. Department of Education, Culture and Sports	Member
e. Department of Science and Technology	Member
f. Department of Trade and Industry	Member
g. Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Member
h. Department of Agriculture	Member
i. Department of Health	Member
j. National Economic and Development Authority	Member
k. Office of the Press Secretary	Member
l. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System	Member
m. Local Water Utilities Administration	Member
n. National Power Corporation	Member
o. National Irrigation Administration	Member

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| p. Metropolitan Manila Authority | Member |
| q. 3 Private Sector Representatives | Member |

The private sector representatives shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee and may come from the following groups: consumers' group, non-governmental organizations, broadcast media and water utilities, among others.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions. The Committee shall undertake the following:

- a. Prepare a nationwide Water Conservation Plan to cover conservation measures focusing on both the quality and quantity of water; and the implementing mechanism for the Plan, including the setting up of a "Water Patrol" similar to the power patrol of the Department of Energy.
- b. Undertake a nationwide information dissemination campaign to create greater awareness of water conservation measures.
- c. Encourage and promote active private sector participation and initiatives in water conservation activities, particularly in ensuring the responsive and efficient use of water.
- d. Provide research, monitoring and feedback with respect to water consumption in both the public and private sectors for purposes of issuing, from time to time, guidelines to achieve water savings.
- e. Mobilize funds for the execution of the Committee's objectives.
- f. Perform such other tasks that may be necessary and incidental to the implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. Sub-committees and Task Forces. The Committee may form such sub-committees and task forces as may be necessary for the effective performance of its functions.

SEC. 4. Implementing Guidelines and Programs. The Committee shall develop the implementing programs and promulgate the necessary implementing guidelines for the accomplishment of the objective of this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. Coordination with Other Government Agencies, NGOs and Other Private Entities. The Committee is hereby authorized to call on and mobilize any government agency and instrumentality (including local government units, government-owned or controlled corporations, schools, and institutions of learning), as well as non-governmental organizations and other private entities, for support and assistance in the implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. All presidential acts, letters of instructions, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175, DATED APRIL 30, 1994, WHICH CREATED A
NORTHWESTERN LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE COMMISSION

I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Section 1 of Executive Order No. 175, dated April 30, 1994, which created a Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle Commission, to read as follows:

“Section. 1. NWLGQ Commission. There is hereby created under the Office of the President, a Presidential Commission to be called the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NWLGQ) Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall be responsible for the overall policy direction, coordination and supervision of the entire NWLGQ Development efforts. It shall be composed of the following members:

CORD for Region
CORD for CAR
Secretary of Trade and Industry
Secretary of Tourism
Secretary of Agriculture
NEDA Director General
The Presidential Assistant for Regional Development
The Chairman of Regional Development Council I
The Chairman of the Cordillera Executive Board
The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Norte
The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Sur
The Provincial Governor of La Union
The Provincial Governor of Pangasinan
The Provincial Governor of Benguet
The City Mayor of Dagupan City
The City Mayor of Baguio City
The PCCI Chairman of Region I
The PCCI Chairman of CAR
The BCDA Chairman
NGO Regional Federation Representative each for Regions I and CAR to be appointed by the President
“The Commission shall be chaired by the CORD for Region

“The Commission shall have the following functions:

- a) Review and submit to the President, for approval, the NWLGQ, Master Plan and Development Program;
- b) Provide overall direction, coordination and supervision in the planning, implementation and monitoring of all program/project components and development activities of the NWLGQ Development Program in consultation and coordination with the Joint RDC-CEB Inter-regional Consultative Council;
- c) Cause the update, refinement and endorsement of the NWLGQ plans, investment programs and projects within the context of the NWLGQ Master Plan and the Regional Development and Physical Framework Plans and Investment Programs of Regions I and CAR.
- d) Cause the preparation of feasibility studies for and financing of the various projects identified for the NWLGQ;
- e) Encourage the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in planning and implementing the various projects under the NWLGQ Development Program;
- f) Organize the Program Management Office (PMO), define its organizational set-up, establish its staffing pattern as well as internal operating systems, and procedures;
- g) Review and confirm contracts entered into by the Executive Director of the Program Management Office (PMO);
- h) Review and endorse to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) the annual budget of the NWLGQ Development Program including the Work and Financial Plan for the operation of the PMO;
- i) Submit to the President, progress reports on the NWLGQ Development Program and such other reports as may be required.”

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 224
TRANSFERRING THE MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE
OF BURNHAM PARK TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BAGUIO

WHEREAS, the Burnham Park Reservation was reserved for park purposes by virtue of Proclamation No. 64, promulgated August 6, 1925;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1762 dated January 6, 1981, and Proclamation No. 2144 dated December 9, 1981, the Burnham Park Reservation was ceded and conveyed to the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) for tourism development purposes;

WHEREAS, in a move to centralize the planning, development, management and operation of all national parks around the country, the management, maintenance and administration of the Burnham Park Reservation was transferred and vested to the National Parks Development Committee for a period of FIVE (5) YEARS through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated March 10, 1989 between PTA and NPDC as modified by a MOA between said parties dated August 7, 1989;

WHEREAS, said MOA of March 10, 1989 expired last 1994, and there is a need to better and enhance the management, maintenance, and development approach for the Burnham Park Reservation;

WHEREAS, there is a strong clamor of the populace of Baguio City for the return of the Burnham Park Reservation for local management, maintenance, and administration;

WHEREAS, local management, maintenance and administration of the whole Burnham Park Reservation is just in line with the government's devolution program as mandated by the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby order:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Administration, Maintenance and Management. The administration, management, maintenance, and operation of the whole Burnham Park Reservation as defined and delineated under Presidential Decree No. 1762 dated January 6, 1981, including all the activities, facilities and improvements thereon, is hereby transferred to the City Government of Baguio.

SECTION 2. Sunshine Park. The Administration, management, maintenance, and operation of the present Sunshine Park including all the activities, facilities and improvements thereon, is likewise transferred and turned over to the City Government of Baguio.

SECTION 3. Excluded from the Transfer. The area where the present Department of Tourism (DOT)-PTA Regional Office and the Secretary's Cottage are located, including all the activities, facilities, and improvements thereon, is excluded from the transfer and shall remain under the exclusive use, administration, maintenance and management of PTA and DOT.

SECTION 4. Control and Supervision. The City Government of Baguio shall have full control, supervision and discretion in its management including the award and regulations of all activities and concessions in the Park.

SECTION 5. Alienation, Encumbrance and Use. The City Government of Baguio cannot encumber, mortgage, or alienate any portion of the Park and use thereof shall be limited only to recreation and tourism-related activities.

SECTION 6. Promotion and Technical Assistance. The DOT and PTA shall continue to provide promotional support and technical assistance for the operation and further development of the Park.

SECTION 7. Budget and Appropriations. Annual appropriations for the development of the Park from the National Budget shall continue and remain in force. Whatever available funds from the duly approved PTA 1995 budget which have been appropriated for the Park shall be transferred to the City.

SECTION 8. Revenues. All revenues and collections generated from the operation of the Park shall accrue to the treasury of the City Government of Baguio and shall be used solely for the management, maintenance, operation and development of the Park.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This executive order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 225

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 226

**INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE DOCTRINE OF “COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY” IN
ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, PARTICULARLY AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND IN THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, strict and effective management and control of an organization by the supervisor is critical in ensuring responsive delivery of services by the government, especially in police matters;

WHEREAS, a supervisor/commander is duty-bound and, as such, is expected to closely monitor, supervise, direct, coordinate, and control the overall activities of his subordinates within his area of jurisdiction, and can be held administratively accountable for neglect of duty in taking appropriate action to discipline his men;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure a more effective, sustained, and successful campaign against erring government personnel, it is imperative that the doctrine of “command responsibility” be institutionalized and strictly applied in all government offices and at all levels of command in the PNP and other law enforcement agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Neglect of Duty Under the Doctrine of “Command Responsibility”. Any government official or supervisor, or officer of the Philippine National Police or that of any other law enforcement agency shall be held accountable for “Neglect of Duty” under the doctrine of “command responsibility” if he has knowledge that a crime or offense shall be committed, is being committed, or has been committed by his subordinates, or by others within his area of responsibility and, despite such knowledge, he did not take preventive or corrective action either before, during, or immediately after its commission.

SEC. 2. Presumption of Knowledge. A government official or supervisor, or PNP commander, is presumed to have knowledge of the commission of irregularities or criminal offenses in any of the following circumstances:

- a. When the irregularities or illegal acts are widespread within his area of jurisdiction;
- b. When the irregularities or illegal acts have been repeatedly or regularly committed within his area of responsibility; or
- c. When members of his immediate staff or office personnel are involved.

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations of this Executive Order within thirty (30) days after the issuance thereof.

SEC. 4. Administrative Liability. Any violation of this Executive Order by any government official, supervisor, officer of the PNP and that of any law enforcement agency shall be held administratively accountable for violation of existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA JR.

Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 227
REDUCING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER
UNDER SECTION 104 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 94 as amended by Executive Order No. 116 series of 1993, portland cement and cement clinker had rates of import duty of 5% and 3%, respectively, until June 30, 1994;

WHEREAS, with the expiration of the said Executive Order, the subject articles are now levied rates of duty of 20% and 10%, respectively, under Executive Order No. 470, s. 1992;

WHEREAS, in view of the sharp increase in the demand for cement in the domestic market, the continued importation of subject articles is imperative to avert a possible shortage in the local supply that may otherwise result in the spiralling of the prices thereof; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reduce the tariff rates on subject articles to sustain their importation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code, do hereby order:

Section 1. The following articles under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, shall have rates of import duty in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed below:

Hdg. No.	Harmonized System Code	Description	Rate of Duty (%)	
			1995	1 January 1996
25.23		Portland cement, aluminous cement ("ciment fondu"), slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers.		
	2523.10	— Cement clinkers:		
	2523.10 10	— — — Cement clinker other than for white cement	3	3
	2523.10 90	— — — x x x		
		— Portland cement:		
	2523.21 00	— — x x x		
	2523.29 00	— — Other	3	3
	2523.30 00	— x x x		
	2523.90	— Other hydraulic cements:		
	2523.90 10	— — — Pozzolan cement and blended pozzolan cement	10	10
	2523.90 90	— — — x x x		

Section 2. Upon effectivity of this Executive Order, the aforementioned articles which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the duties herein prescribed.

Section 3. All executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 228
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203 TO INCLUDE THE
PRESIDENTIAL LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE IN THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 203 dated 27 September 1994 created the Oversight Committee and Social Reform Agenda Council to oversee and facilitate the implementation of the National Government's major Social Reform Agenda;

WHEREAS, there are identified priority legislative measures in the Social Reform Agenda that need to be steered through a process which requires close coordination and liaison between the Executive and the Legislative branches of government;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO), by virtue of Memorandum Order No. 128 on 11 November 1987, is mandated to perform such a function; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to include the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office in the Social Reform Agenda Council to ensure immediate and continuing action on the legislative agenda of the SRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend section 1, number 1.2, letter (b) of Executive Order No. 203 dated 27 September 1994, to include the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office in the membership of the Social Reform Agenda Council.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 6th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President
(Sgd.) **TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 229

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175, DATED APRIL 30, 1994,
AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1995,
WHICH CREATED A NORTHWESTERN LUZON
GROWTH QUADRANGLE COMMISSION

I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby further amend Section 1 of Executive Order No. 175, dated April 30, 1994, as amended by Executive Order No. 223, dated February 7, 1995, which created a Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle Commission, to include the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, Secretary of Transportation and Communications, Secretary of Public Works and Highways, and Secretary of Energy as Commission Members.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA

Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230
CREATING A NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Secretaries of the Department of Justice, Interior and Local Government and Social Welfare and Development; the Directors of the Bureau of Corrections, of Jail Management and Penology, the Probation Administrator and the Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Parole, and an appropriate number of representatives from the private sector, representing the media, the concerned national and major academic, civic and religious organizations, shall compose the National Secretariat for the celebration of the “National Correctional Consciousness Week.” The Judiciary, the Legislature and the Commission on Human Rights shall be encouraged to participate.

Section 2. The National Secretariat shall be responsible for the formulation of a national plan of activities, and for encouraging and coordinating with local groups for the celebration.

Section 3. The Secretariat is authorized to call directly on other departments, bureaus, offices, and other instrumentalities or agencies of the government and to encourage active participation and involvement of the private sectors in the accomplishment of the above tasks.

Section 4. The annual theme of the celebration shall be explored by means of print, radio and TV media, lectures, symposia, conferences, seminars, congresses, and other fora.

Section 5. The occasion shall promote activities that will improve the living conditions, basic services to and administration of offenders, including their rehabilitation and reintegration and safeguarding programs.

Section 6. Corresponding awards shall be given to outstanding organizations, groups and individuals who have excelled and contributed considerably to enhancing and promoting the well-being of the correctional system in general and the offenders in particular.

Section 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 231
CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL FACT-FINDING AND POLICY
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON THE PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

WHEREAS, recent events have evoked the nation's serious concern for and recognition of overseas Filipinos;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Philippine Government to be firmly committed to the protection of overseas Filipinos;

WHEREAS, certain claims and assertions as well as accusations have been made against some officials of the Philippine Government in connection with its efforts to protect overseas Filipinos;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine with utmost certainty the circumstances surrounding recent events involving the policies and actions of government in relation to the protection of overseas Filipinos; and

WHEREAS, much can be learned from instances in which such policies and actions of government have succeeded and from those which did not lead to the desired results.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. ***The Presidential Commission.*** – There is hereby created a Presidential Fact-Finding and Policy Advisory Commission on the Protection of Overseas Filipinos, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall immediately begin its work once it is constituted and shall accomplish its objectives within three (3) months thereof, after which, unless otherwise ordered by the President, the Commission shall be dissolved.

Section 2. ***Composition.*** – The Commission shall be composed of a Chairman and six (6) members to be appointed by the President, as follows:

- 2.1. A retired Justice of the Supreme Court as Chairman;
- 2.2. Two (2) members to represent overseas contract workers and organized labor, respectively;
- 2.3. One (1) member to represent employers;
- 2.4. One (1) member to represent the Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- 2.5. One (1) member to represent the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women;
- and
- 2.6. One (1) member to represent the public-at-large.

Section 3. ***Objectives.*** The Commission shall have the following objectives:

- 3.1. Determine particular and general facts and circumstances involving the policies and actions of the Philippine Government and its agents or officials in relation to the protection of overseas Filipinos, particularly cases involving the criminal conviction of overseas Filipinos, including the case of Mrs. Flor Contemplacion; and

- 3.2. Make recommendations with a view to improving the protection afforded by the Philippine Government to overseas Filipinos, consonant with international conventions and standards.

Section 4. **Mandate.** – The Commission, taking into consideration its objectives, shall have the following mandate:

- 4.1. Inquire into, examine and probe individual cases involving the protection of overseas Filipinos;
Seek the views and opinions of and coordinate with the different sectors of Philippine society, including people's organizations, cooperatives, media, and other non-government organizations;
Identify instances which may require the filing of administrative and other charges against Philippine Government officials and private individuals, and recommend the filing of such criminal or administrative charges as the case may be;
- 4.4. Formulate recommendations, to include legislative measures, for the improvement of the protection of overseas Filipinos by the Philippine Government; and
- 4.5. Submit a report on the Mrs. Flor Contemplacion case to the President within fifteen (15) days from the constitution of the Commission.

Section 5. **Powers and Functions.** – The Commission, in view of its objectives and in the discharge of its mandate, is hereby empowered to:

- 5.1. Call on any department, instrumentality or agency of the government for assistance and cooperation;
- 5.2. In accordance with existing laws, regulations and procedures, issue compulsory processes to private individuals, groups or organizations as well as government officials;
- 5.3. Through appropriate diplomatic channels and with due regard to diplomatic considerations, request for the cooperation of foreign governments; and
- 5.4. Promulgate its own administrative and procedural rules and regulations to govern its actions and operations

Section 6. **Secretariat.** – The Commission shall be assisted by a Secretariat that shall provide administrative and office support to the Commission to be composed of persons appointed by the Chairman.

Section 7. **Technical Panel.** – There is hereby constituted a Technical Panel composed of recognized and responsible experts to be appointed by the Chairman in the fields of law, labor, social welfare, and other relevant fields to provide technical assistance and advice to the Commission. In order to provide an effective line of communication and coordination with the appropriate departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the Philippine Government, officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Labor and Employment, Justice, Social Welfare and Development, Health, the Overseas Workers Welfare and Administration and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration may be invited to serve as members of the Technical Panel.

Section 8. **Office.** – In coordination with agencies of the Philippine Government, including government-owned or controlled corporation, the Commission shall be provided with appropriate office space.

Section 9. *Funding*. – Without prejudice to the provision of additional funds, the initial amount of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) from the President’s Contingent Fund is hereby provided for the operations of the Commission.

Section 10. *Effectivity*. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) LEONARDO A. QUISUMBING

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). [*Executive Order Nos.: 126-300*]. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 232

**ABOLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
LUNGSOD SILANGAN AND INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON SOCIALIZED
HOUSING IN MANGGAHAN FLOODWAY AND TRANSFERRING THEIR POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE MANILA-RIZAL-
LAGUNA-QUEZON (MARILAQUE) GROWTH CORRIDOR**

WHEREAS, the Presidential Commission for the Manila-Rizal-Laguna-Quezon (MARILAQUE) Growth Corridor was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 197 dated 29 August 1994 to prepare an integrated development plan for the growth area encompassing agri-industry, housing, tourism, environmental protection, water supply, power generation, natural resources, and other investment opportunities, among others;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Task Force for the Development of Lungsod Silangan was created under Administrative Order No. 120 dated 03 March 1994 to oversee, facilitate and encourage private sector participation in the development of the Lungsod ng Silangan Townsite Reservation under Proclamation No. 1637 dated 18 April 1977;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Socialized Housing in Manggahan Floodway was created by virtue of Memorandum Order No. 191 dated 12 February 1994 to formulate a socialized housing program for qualified squatter families in the Manggahan Floodway;

WHEREAS, the Lungsod Silangan Townsite Reservation and Manggahan Floodway are situated within the MARILAQUE Growth Corridor; and

WHEREAS, to consolidate all efforts for the development of the MARILAQUE Growth Corridor and for better coordination purposes, there is a need to integrate the activities of the Presidential Task Force for the Development of Lungsod Silangan and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Socialized Housing in Manggahan Floodway into the Presidential Commission on the MARILAQUE Growth Corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Abolition of the Presidential Task Force for the Development of Lungsod Silangan and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Socialized Housing in Manggahan Floodway.

The Presidential Task Force for the Development of Lungsod Silangan and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Socialized Housing in the Manggahan Floodway are hereby abolished and their powers and functions transferred to the Presidential Commission on the MARILAQUE Growth Corridor.

To ensure continuity and to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts, the Commission shall review existing plans and programs of the two Task Forces with the end in view of their appropriate integration/consolidation into the Commission's plans and programs. All the records, remaining

funds, personnel, and outputs of the abolished bodies shall be turned over to the Commission upon effectivity of this Order.

SECTION 2. Coordination with Other Government Agencies. To assist the Commission in its technical activities and to enhance the coordinative mechanism among the different agencies, the Commission shall coordinate and consult with the pertinent line departments and other government bodies, including committees and task forces responsible for the Manila-Rizal-Laguna-Quezon areas. For this purpose, the Commission may create appropriate technical working groups.

SECTION 3. Submission of Reports. The Commission shall submit quarterly reports to the Office of the President, through the Office of the Executive Secretary on the status of activities in pursuance of its mandate, with recommendations on how the implementation of the Integrated Development Plan can be fast-tracked.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 233
EXTENDING THE TERM OF SAMAR ISLAND
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE

WHEREAS, Samar Island Development Project Office (SIDPO) was created by Executive Order No. 397 dated April 3, 1990;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of E.O. 397 provides that the term of SIDPO shall be for five (5) years from its effectivity or until April 3, 1995;

WHEREAS, in order to wind up its affairs and to effect a smooth turn over of its assets and liabilities to the Office of the President as provided in said Section 6, there is a need to extend its term;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The term of the Samar Island Development Project Office is hereby extended up to July 3, 1995. The Project and Management Unit, through its Executive Director is hereby directed to transfer its Administrative Staff and all its records to its Manila Office. The Finance Office and a Commission on Audit representative of the Office of the President are hereby directed to closely monitor and supervise the winding up of SIDPO's affairs and the turn over of its assets and liabilities to ensure that the same are accomplished before the end of the extended term.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 234
ESTABLISHING THE GINGOOG BAY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Medium-Term Fisheries Management and Development Program under the Department of Agriculture's Medium-Term Agriculture Development Plan identifies Gingoog Bay as one of the country's key fisheries development area;

WHEREAS, developing Gingoog Bay as well as its surrounding municipalities of Balingoan, Talisayan, Medina and Gingoog City requires addressing urgent concerns like environmental protection, poverty alleviation, local autonomy, eco-tourism and sustainable growth;

WHEREAS, the land and the waters of the Gingoog Bay are limited natural resources requiring concerted efforts to ensure their optimal utilization and renewability to preserve its ecological balance;

WHEREAS, to enable the government to translate into reality the thrust to preserve the country's marine and coastal resources through community-based efforts consistent with the concepts of sustainable development and people empowerment, there is a need to create a body that shall formulate and implement short- and long-term plans for the area covered herein as well as address certain policy, planning and implementation issues, and to coordinate and integrate all environment and natural resources management of related government and non-government activities in the Gingoog Bay area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SEC. 1. There is hereby created, under the Office of the President, the **Gingoog Bay Development Council**, hereinafter referred as the "Council", composed of the following:

Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Chairman
Secretary, Department of Agriculture	Vice-Chairman
Office of the Executive Secretary	Member
Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Governments	Member
CORD for Region XI	Member
Governor of Misamis Oriental	Member
Mayors of the concerned Local Government Units	Member
3 Representatives from the Private Sector; one from a Non-government organization, one from a fishing cooperative or fisherfolk/people's organizations and one from agri-business sector	Members

SEC. 2. The Council shall be an advisory and coordinating body to the President and shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Formulate a five-year Gingoog Bay Development Master Plan for the Gingoog Bay area covering the surrounding coastal municipalities of Balingoan, Talisayan, Medina and

Gingoog and their shorelines. A concept paper for the formulation of the master plan shall be submitted not later than 30 June 1995;

- b. Initiate and coordinate projects and programs for the preservation and enhancement of its ecological balance, protection and rational utilization and development of its coastal and marine resources, and for the empowerment and just sharing by the people of the localities of the fruits of development. As much as possible, these projects and programs shall be community-based and shall adhere to the principle of sustainable development;
- c. Where needed and appropriate, extend and/or facilities assistance to the local government units concerned in the areas of training, technical and technological know-how, planning/management and supervision, feasibility studies/research, financial and funding sources, project development and evaluation, procurement and marketing for the speedy implementation of the identified plans and projects for the Bay area;
- d. Coordinate with the appropriate National Government agencies and local government authorities to strictly enforce fisheries laws, rules and regulations and prevent illegal fishing activities as well as recommend national and local legislation to further the same;
- e. Conduct public consultations as well as enhance public awareness on the protection, development and optimum utilization of coastal, marine and fisheries resources;
- f. Encourage people empowerment through the active participation of the private sector, especially non-government organizations, in the planning, and implementation of projects in the Bay area;
- g. Initiate and coordinate investment opportunities and economic projects suitable for and consistent with the planned development of the Bay area like eco-tourism, agriculture- and fishery- based ventures as well as livelihood projects for the local communities; and
- h. Perform any other functions as may be assigned by the President.

SEC. 3. The Council may call upon any government agency, office of bureau for assistance and/or form committees to facilitate the discharge of its functions and responsibilities.

SEC. 4. The Council shall submit quarterly reports of its activities to the Office of the President.

SEC. 5. The amount of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) to be drawn from the President's Contingent Fund, shall be released for the operations of the Council and initial project implementation for 1995. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals under the Office of the President.

SEC. 6. All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 235
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 101, DATED JUNE 15, 1993, ENTITLED:
“REVISING THE COMPENSATION PLAN OF THE FOREIGN
SERVICE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 1.0 of Executive Order No. 101, dated June 15, 1993, is hereby amended, to include the following provision:

“1.6 Nobody shall suffer a reduction in the rate of overseas allowance received in the present post as a result of the new index for overseas allowance except in the case of assignment to another post.”

Sec. 2. Section 1.2 of said Executive Order is hereby amended, to include the overseas allowance index of the following newly-opened post abroad:

<u>COUNTRY/POST</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
PRETORIA		105

Sec. 3. Section 2.2 of said Executive Order is hereby amended, to include the living quarters allowance index of the following newly-opened post abroad:

<u>COUNTRY/POST</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
PRETORIA		95

Sec. 4. Section 2.9 of said Executive Order is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“2.9. In lieu of commutable living quarters allowances, payment of actual rental of quarters occupied by the head of post may be authorized, subject to availability of funds and as may be warranted by the housing situation in the post of assignment; Provided, however, that the same privilege may be authorized to foreign service personnel other than the head of post who are assigned in China, Vietnam, and Cuba where housing units are allocated only in compounds designated by the host

government. Payment of the utilities and other related expenses shall, however, be for the personal account of the head of post or foreign service personnel concerned.”

Sec. 5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of April, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 236

**ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL ENTRANTS,
REPEALING E.O. 656, SERIES OF 1981, TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION
AMONG MEMBER AGENCIES IN THE INVESTIGATION AND DISPOSITION
OF CASES INVOLVING THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS
AND VESSELS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION**

WHEREAS, it is a declared national policy of the Philippines to safeguard its territorial integrity and its sovereign right to explore and exploit, develop and manage its marine resources in accordance with existing laws;

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the National Government to effectively enforce its laws, rules and regulations on the entry of foreign nationals and vessels into Philippine territorial waters through the effective coordination of the investigative functions of the concerned law enforcement agencies in relation to the conduct of foreign policy;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a forum to discuss issues for the purpose of formulating and submitting policy recommendations to the President on the investigation and disposition of cases involving the illegal entry of foreign nationals and vessels;

WHEREAS, cases of illegal entry of foreign nationals and vessels into Philippine waters have increased;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative and urgent need to create a coordinative committee on the investigation and disposition of cases involving the illegal entry of foreign nationals and vessels, and to facilitate and expedite government processes in the resolution of such cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL ENTRANTS

The NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL ENTRANTS, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, is hereby organized to be composed of the following agencies:

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| 1. Department of Foreign Affairs | Chairman |
| 2. Department of Justice | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Department of National Defense | Co-Vice Chairman |
| 4. Department of Interior and Local Government | Co-Vice Chairman |
| 5. Philippine National Police | Member |
| 6. Armed Forces of the Philippines | Member |
| 7. Bureau of Immigration | Member |
| 8. Bureau of Customs | Member |
| 9. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources | Member |
| 10. Philippine Navy | Member |

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| 11. Philippine Coast Guard..... | Member |
| 12. National Intelligence Coordinating Agency | Member |
| 13. Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau..... | Member |

Section 2. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE – The Committee shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a. Perform and serve as a forum for the effective coordination of the investigation, prosecution and final disposition of all cases of illegal entry, smuggling, and illegal fishing committed by foreign nationals and vessels;
- b. Perform and serve as a forum for the exchange of information on cases of illegal entry, smuggling, and illegal fishing involving foreign nationals and vessels through regular consultations;
- c. Submit policy recommendations to the President on the enforcement of laws, rules and regulations on the entry of foreign nationals and vessels into Philippine territorial waters;
- d. Submit recommendations to the President regarding cases of illegal entry, smuggling and illegal fishing involving foreign nationals and vessels, when necessary;
- e. Create regional and provincial committees on illegal entrants, where necessary, to assist the Committee in the performance of its tasks at the local level;
- f. Act on all recommendations and reports of the regional and provincial committees on all cases of illegal entry, smuggling, and illegal fishing involving foreign nationals and vessels;
- g. Adopt its operational guidelines, rules of procedure, and regulations in order to effectively carry out its mandate including its supervision over the regional and provincial committees on illegal entrants;
- h. Call on any department, bureau, office or agency of the government to assist the Committee in the discharge of its functions; and
- i. Perform such other powers and functions as may be necessary to attain its objectives.

Section 3. COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

The Committee shall have a Secretariat which shall be under the direct supervision of the Chairman. The Secretariat shall assist in coordinating the activities of the Committee as well as provide administrative support.

Section 4. REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT – The Committee shall submit to the President a quarterly report of its activities.

Section 5. FUNDING – Subject to the availability of funds, the amount of FIVE MILLION PESOS (₱5,000,000) is hereby authorized to be set aside from the Contingency Fund of the President to cover the costs of the Committee's activities in 1995. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals of agencies concerned with the apprehension and custody of detained illegal entrants and of seized vessels and cargo. Administrative expenses of the Committee and travel costs of Committee members shall be incorporated in the DFA budget proposal for this Committee subject to the existing accounting and auditing laws and regulations.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE – This Executive Order 656, Series of 1981, is hereby repealed. All other Executive Orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper or general circulation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 237

MODIFYING THE RATES OF DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, MINERALS AND ENERGY (COIME) OF THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS (AEM) TO EXTEND A MINIMUM NINETY PER CENTUM (90%) MARGIN OF PREFERENCE (MOP) TO CONSTANT VELOCITY JOINT DRIVESHAFTS ASSEMBLY AND PARTS THEREOF UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON ASEAN INDUSTRIAL JOINT VENTURES (AIJV)

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a Contracting Party to the Revised Basic Agreement on ASEAN Industrial Joint Ventures (BAAIJV) signed in Manila on 15 December 1987;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, along with Malaysia and Thailand, is a participating country in the Constant Velocity Joint Driveshaft – Asian Driveshaft (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. AIJV project that was approved during the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the COIME held in Manila on 16-18 July 1992;

WHEREAS, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article III of the Revised BAAIJV, all participating countries shall extend a minimum ninety per centum (90%) Margin of Preference (MOP) to new AIJV products within ninety (90) days of their commercial production;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3(c) of Article III of the Revised BAAIJV, the participating countries shall waive their rights under Chapter II, Article 8, paragraph 2, of the ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements (PTA) for a four-year period commencing from the actual date of commercial production of the new AIJV product in respect of entities that are not AIJVs but produce the same products within their countries;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3(a) of Article III of the same agreement non-participating countries shall initially waive their rights under Chapter II, Article 8, paragraph 2, of the ASEAN PTA for the first four years but, at any time thereafter, can enjoy the MOP granted by participating countries as soon as they extend the same MOP;

WHEREAS, constant velocity joint driveshafts assembly and parts thereof are new AIJV products whose commercial production by ASIAN DRIVESHAFT SDN. BHD. Penang (Malaysia) started on 1 January 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum ninety per centum (90%) MOP as specified in column 6. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the AIJV Preferential Tariff in accordance with the schedule indicated in columns 7, 8 and 9.

HS Code	Description	Rate of Duty (%)			MOP (%)	Applicable AIJV Preferential Tariff (%)		
		1 Jan.	1 July			1 Jan.	1 July	
		1994	1994	1995		994	994	1995
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
ex 8708.99 90	Constant Velocity (C.V.) joint Driveshafts Assembly and parts thereof	10	10	10	90	1.0	1.0	1.0

SEC. 2. The MOP herein provided on constant velocity joint driveshafts assembly and parts thereof shall be accorded exclusively to the AIJV entity in Malaysia effective from 1 January 1994 up to 31 December 1997. Thereafter, the said MOP shall likewise be accorded to any entity in the participating countries which is not an AIJV but produces the same AIJV products.

SEC. 3. The MOP herein provided on constant velocity joint driveshafts assembly and parts thereof shall be accorded to any entity in the non-participating countries at any time beginning 1 January 1998, provided said countries extend the same MOP on the AIJV products.

SEC. 4. The minimum ninety per centum (90%) MOP accorded under this Executive Order shall remain effective irrespective of any subsequent change in the basic Philippine rate of duty on the above-mentioned articles.

SEC. 5. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, all the aforementioned articles entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on 1 August 1977, and shall pay the applicable AIJV Preferential Tariff specified under Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 238
DECLARING AND DELINEATING THE PAGBILAO PORT ZONE UNDER THE
ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Port of Pagbilao has been identified as one of the major ports developed in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to construct the Port of Pagbilao to accommodate projected increases in port traffic and to program the provision of the necessary port facilities to meet the demands of maritime commerce and trade within the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Pagbilao is hereby delineated and particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at point marked 1 on the plan, thence to point 2 at a distance of 1,306.00 m with bearing N 30°9'31"W thence to point 3 at a distance of 1,074.00 m with bearing N 10° 11'25"E, thence to point 4 at a distance of 6,944.00 m with bearing N 30°10'22"W, thence to point 5 at a distance of 4,236.00 m Due North, thence to point 6 at a distance of 2,543.00 m with bearing N 59°53'11"E, thence to point 7 at a distance of 1,600.00 m with bearing S 30°10'17"E, thence to point 8 at a distance of 3,637.00 m with bearing S 88°35'52"E, thence to point 9 at a distance of 1,350.00 m Due South, thence to point 10 at a distance of 2,800.00 m Due South, thence to point 11 at a distance of 1,200.00 m with bearing S 55° 8'41"W, thence to point 12 at a distance of 1,349.00 m with bearing S 29°3'17"W, thence to point 13 at a distance of 2,090.00 m with bearing S 31° 21'48"E, thence to point 14 at a distance of 2,625.00 m with bearing S 73°7'31"E, thence to point 15 at a distance of 842.00 m with bearing S 30°9'30"E, thence to point 1, the point beginning at a distance of 5,858.00 m with bearing S 59°53'6"W, all in all comprising a total area of 6,350.00 hectares more or less.”

SEC. 2. The Pagbilao Port Zone is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority, which shall, consistent with the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning, development, and utilization of the port pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 857, as amended.

SEC. 3. All other orders, proclamations, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 239
DECLARING AND DELINEATING THE LOPEZ PORT ZONE UNDER THE
ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINES PORTS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Port of Lopez has been identified as one of the major ports to be developed in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to construct the Port of Lopez to accommodate projected increases in port traffic and to program the provision of the necessary port facilities to meet the demands of maritime commerce and trade within the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Lopez is hereby delineated and particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at point marked 1 on the plan, thence to point 2 at a distance of 2,500.00 m with bearing N 29°58'54"E, thence to point 3 at a distance of 5,000.00 m with bearing S 60°1'6"E, thence to point 4 at a distance of 2,500.00 m with bearing N 29°58'54"E, thence to point 1, the point bearing of beginning at a distance of 5,000.00 m with bearing S 60°1'6"E, all in all comprising a total area of 1,250.00 hectares more or less.”

SEC. 2. The Lopez Port Zone is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority, which shall, consistent with the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning, development and utilization of the port pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 857, as amended.

SEC. 3. All other orders, proclamations, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 240
CREATING FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCILS (FARMCs)
IN BARANGAYS, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES, THEIR COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of state to ensure that management and control over fisheries and aquatic resources shall be effected by the Government through the active and extensive participation of people directly affected thereby;

WHEREAS, the subsistence fisherfolks have been seeking the enhancement of their empowerment through meaningful participation in the management, development and protection of fisheries and aquatic resources for sustainable productivity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the law do hereby order:

Section 1. Creation of FARMCs. To institutionalize the major role of the local fisherfolks and other resource users in the community-based planning and implementation of policies and programs for the management, conservation, development and protection of fisheries and aquatic resources of the municipal waters as defined by the Local Government Code there is hereby created FARMCs in all barangays, municipalities and cities abutting municipal waters. In bays, gulfs, lakes, rivers and dams bounded by two or more barangays or municipalities/cities, Integrated FARMCs shall be created.

Section 2. Regular Members. At least 3/4 of the regular members of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Councils, hereinafter referred to as FARMCs, shall be representatives of the local municipal fisherfolk.

Section 3. Functions. The FARMCs shall have among their primary functions the following:

- a. Prepare and recommend the fisheries and aquatic resources management policies and plans for integration into the Local Development Plan. Such policies and plans should be based on sound assessment and bio-economic characteristics of the resources.
- b. Recommend to the local government units and special agencies referred to in Section 7 guidelines on the development and implementation of projects, and issuance of permits and licenses for the appropriate use of fisheries and aquatic resources, and to ensure that resource use limits and controls are imposed. Such guidelines may include the evaluation of all projects and applications by FARMCs prior to the approval of appropriate offices.

Section 4. Technical Assistance. The Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Justice (DOJ), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), and other government agencies are instructed to extend technical assistance to FARMCs.

Section 5. Law Enforcement. The PNP-Maricom, the Philippine Coast Guard and/or other law enforcement agencies are hereby instructed to take the lead in the enforcement of environmental laws in collaboration and coordination with the FARMCs.

Section 6. Deputation of FARMC Members. The members of the FARMCs shall undergo training and be deputized as fish wardens, and environment and natural resources officers. The appropriate government units are hereby instructed to issue deputation papers to the FARMC members and officers.

Section 7. Special Agencies. Government agencies or offices having jurisdiction over municipal waters by virtue of special laws such as, but not limited to, the Laguna Lake Development Authority shall integrate the plans formulated by the FARMCs into their agency/corporate policies and plans of operation for implementation.

Section 8. Implementation. The Department of Agriculture, jointly with the Department of Interior and Local Government, the special agencies referred to in Section 7, and representatives of fisherfolk organizations are hereby directed to prepare the implementing guidelines and ensure the implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 9. Appropriations. There is hereby appropriated at least Five Million Pesos (₱5,000,000.00) from the Fisheries Sector Program of the Department of Agriculture (DA) for the implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 241
CREATING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROPER
OBSERVANCE OF THE FAMILY WEEK

WHEREAS, Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that the state recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 60 dated 28 September 1992 declares the last week of September and every year thereafter as the Family Week;

WHEREAS, the government recognizes the significance of strengthening the Filipino family's unity, solidarity and stability, in view of its socio-economic contributions to national development; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a steering committee that shall plan to implement programs and activities to ensure wider and more active participation from the private and public sectors for the nationwide observance of the Family Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the Steering Committee for the Proper Observance of the Family Week.

SECTION 1. – Composition. The Steering Committee for the Proper Observance of the Family Week shall be composed of the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, as Chairperson and the following, as members:

- a. Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports;
- b. Secretary of Health;
- c. Secretary of the Interior and Local Government;
- d. Head, Presidential Management Staff;
- e. Presidential Adviser for Youth Affairs;
- f. Chairperson, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women;
- g. Presidential Assistant for Social Development;
- h. Director-General, Kabisig People's Movement;
- i. National President, Parents-Teachers Association;
- j. One (1) representative from the National Ecumenical Consultative Council; and,
- k. One (1) representative from a non-government organization and the private sector.

The Steering Committee shall select and designate the non-government organization representatives to the Committee.

SEC. 2. – Functions and Responsibilities. The Steering Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

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- a. Formulate, plan and implement appropriate programs and activities to ensure the successful observance of the family week;
 - b. Ensure the active participation of all concerned during the week-long activity;
 - c. Promote appreciation and awareness of current issues/changes in family situation and their consequences on family members; and,
 - d. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.

In the conduct of all programs and activities in the observance of the Family Week, the Committee shall call upon any government department, bureau or agency including local government units and on government owned and controlled corporations, for any assistance.

SEC. 3. – Technical and Secretariat Support. The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall provide technical, secretariat and administrative support to the Committee.

SEC. 4. – Funding. The necessary amount to be incurred in connection with the implementation of this Order shall be shared by the departments and agencies concerned charged against their respective regular budgets. Further, the Committee may engage in resource generation/mobilization activities as may be allowed by law to ensure the success of the family week.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of June, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 242

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 243
CREATING A NUCLEAR POWER STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy;

WHEREAS, the need for a stable and reliable energy supply was clearly illustrated by the country's experience of the last five years during which time the bleak energy supply situation caused massive losses in productivity and of jobs;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that known world energy resources may not be sufficient to support the progress needed to give the growing population the quality of life it deserves;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that known world energy resources, especially oil and liquid natural gas, may last only up to the first half of the next century, and that other sources such as solar are not foreseen to be major energy contributors in the near future;

WHEREAS, there is a need to abate chemical and particulate emissions into the atmosphere in order to bring about a cleaner environment;

WHEREAS, nuclear power has been proved by world experience to be a reliable, competitive, and cost-effective source of energy supply;

WHEREAS, in the 1995 Philippine Power Development Program there is an undetermined base load capacity addition of 10,600 megawatts (MW) between years 2004-2010;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Committee tasked to develop a Comprehensive Nuclear Power Program for the country has determined that nuclear power is a potentially viable energy source which may be considered to partially fill the required energy gap;

WHEREAS, the Government has decided to assess the viability of a nuclear power program, make the consequent decisions, and provide ongoing support in furtherance of "Philippines 2000";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Nuclear Power Steering Committee. There is hereby created a Nuclear Power Steering Committee, which shall provide policies, direction, monitoring, evaluation, and other functions necessary and appropriate to attain the objectives of the overall Nuclear Power Program of the country. The Committee shall prepare the necessary action plans (including proposed time tables) and work programs. Subject to such guidelines as may be set by the Office of the President, the Committee shall determine the sources of funding to carry out its mandate.

This Committee is to be composed of the following:

Chairman	– Secretary, Department of Energy (DOE)
Co-Chairman	– Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
Co-Chairman	– Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Members	– Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)

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- Secretary, Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
 - Secretary, Office of the Press Secretary (OPS)
 - President, National Power Corporation (NPC)
 - Director, Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI)
 - Presidential Assistant, Office of the President (OP)
 - Two (2) members from the private sector, to be appointed by the President

The members of the Committee may be represented by an alternate provided that the Committee Chairman is given prior written notice of such designation.

The Committee may create such inter-agency subcommittees as may be necessary to fulfill its mandate, which subcommittees shall include those enumerated under this Executive Order.

The Committee may also call upon any department, agency, or instrumentality of the government for assistance. It shall also have the authority to hire the services of technical consultants of proven and internationally recognized expertise in nuclear technology as may be deemed necessary. In this relation, the Committee, through its appropriate member-agencies, may request the assistance of international bodies, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Program, to carry out its objectives.

The NPC shall provide the administrative and secretariat support to the Committee.

SEC. 2. Siting Study Subcommittee. The NPC is hereby ordered to be the lead agency of the Siting Study Subcommittee which shall include, among its members, representatives from the DENR, the DOE, the DOST, the OP, and the PNRI. The Siting Study Subcommittee shall initiate and coordinate the efforts of the appropriate government agencies in conducting specific studies on potential nuclear power plan sites nationwide. In this regard, those sites that will be identified by future siting studies by said Subcommittee shall be proposed to the Office of the President for declaration as nuclear energy parks.

SEC. 3. Subcommittee on Radioactive Waste Management. The PNRI shall be the lead agency of the Subcommittee on Radioactive Waste Management in accordance with Republic Act No. 6969. Said Subcommittee shall have, as its members representatives from the DOE, the DENR, the DOST, the NPC, and the OP. It shall study and identify sites for final radioactive waste disposal, conduct studies on the development of processes and methods to dispose radioactive waste, and take a key and active role in the eventual establishment of a National Radioactive Waste Management Center.

SEC. 4. Subcommittee on Nuclear Energy-Related Legislation. The DOJ shall be the lead agency of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Energy-Related Legislation that shall have, as its members, representatives from the DECS, the DENR, the DOE, the DOST, the NPC, the OP, the OPS, and the PNRI. Said Subcommittee shall draft and work for the passage of the necessary legislation in pursuit of the nuclear power program. Towards this end, all Subcommittees created under this Executive Order shall coordinate with and submit their final reports and recommendations to the Subcommittee on Nuclear Energy-Related Legislation.

SEC. 5. Subcommittee on Nuclear Manpower Development Program. The DOST is hereby ordered to be the lead agency in the development of a nuclear manpower development program in collaboration with the DECS, the DOE, the DENR, the NPC, the OP, and the PNRI.

SEC. 6. Subcommittee on Nuclear Power Public Education and Information. The DECS shall be the lead agency of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Power Public Education and Information that

shall have, as its members, representatives from the DENR, the DOE, the DOJ, the DOST, the NPC, the OP, the OPS, and the PNRI. Said Subcommittee shall formulate an effective nuclear power public education and information program. Said program must include a training component for science teachers in the high school and college levels.

The Subcommittee shall also work for the inclusion of nuclear-related subjects in all engineering curriculum, and coordinate with the University of the Philippines for the revival of the M.S. in Nuclear Engineering program of the University.

SEC. 7. Research and Development Programs on Nuclear Safety and Nuclear Fuel Cycles. The PNRI shall conduct research and development programs in the field of nuclear safety, including the establishment of local baseline data on risks of power generating plants. It shall also conduct research and development programs on the various facets of the nuclear fuel cycle, including the resumption of activities on uranium exploration and nuclear fuel development and fabrication. The PNRI shall be assisted by representatives from the DOE and NPC.

SEC. 8. Feasibility Study on Nuclear Power Plant Operation. The NPC shall undertake a feasibility study for the construction and operation of the first nuclear power plant under the Nuclear Power Program and for subsequent nuclear power plants in consonance with the Power Development Program. It shall be assisted by representatives from the DENR, the DOST, the OP, and the PNRI.

SEC. 9. Feasibility Studies on Nuclear Reactor Design Alternatives. The NPC shall conduct feasibility studies to determine the appropriate choice of advanced reactor designs, giving due consideration to safety and economics, as well as to shorter construction and licensing time. It shall be assisted by representatives from the DENR, the DOST, the OP, and the PNRI.

SEC. 10. Funds. The sum of Ten Million Pesos (₱10,000,000.00) is hereby set aside from the Contingency Fund of the Office of the President for the initial implementation of the Nuclear Power Program, including the activities of the Nuclear Power Steering Committee. In this connection, the Committee shall submit a work and financial plan and the fund shall be released upon the approval of said plan by the Office of the President. The Committee is also authorized to get supplemental funds from other agencies and instrumentalities of the government. Funds for succeeding years shall be determined and sourced out by the Committee.

SEC. 11. Deadline. The Steering Committee shall submit an initial report to the Office of the President within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Order. The report shall contain, among others, the action plans, work programs, budgetary requirements, source of funds, necessary legislation, and other matters necessary in pursuit of its mandate. Succeeding reports shall be submitted every six (6) months thereafter.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 244

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO DELETE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM
THE LIST OF COUNTRIES COVERED BY LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 444**

WHEREAS, Letter of Instructions No. 444 has included the People's Republic of China in the list of socialist and other centrally-planned economy countries;

WHEREAS, market forces now play a determining role in the economy of the People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China has applied for accession to the World Trade Organization;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Government to develop and strengthen trade relations with the People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, continued coverage of the People's Republic of China by Letter of Instructions No. 444 is no longer consistent with the country's national interest, as coursing Republic of the Philippines-People's Republic of China Trade through the Philippine International Trading Corporation as provided for under Letter of Instructions No. 444 is becoming an unnecessary barrier to trade;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

The Committee on Scientific and Technical Cooperation with Socialist Countries to delete the People's Republic of China from the list of countries covered by Letter of Instructions No. 444.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.**

Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 245

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 246

**RECONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON ANTI-HIJACKING AS THE
NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON ANTI-HIJACKING AND ANTI-TERRORISM**

WHEREAS, terrorism has indiscriminately caused great havoc and destruction to lives and properties in this country in recent months;

WHEREAS, the threat of terrorism is undermining the positive image our country has promoted abroad thereby causing ill effects to our growing economy;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish linkage with international anti-terrorist agencies for us to actively participate in the global crusade against terrorism;

WHEREAS, the existing anti-hijacking measures need to be complemented with a more expanded law to enable our authorities to effectively counter not only hijacking but all other forms of terrorism;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that further appropriate and forceful measures be undertaken to develop the capability of our law enforcement agencies to fight terrorism by reconstituting the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking (NACAH);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking (NACAH) is hereby reconstituted and renamed as the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking and Anti-Terrorism (NACAHT).

SEC. 2. The composition of NACAHT shall be the following:

Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	Chairman
Secretary of National Defense	Vice Chairman
Secretary of Foreign Affairs	Member
Secretary of Finance	Member
Secretary of Justice	Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communications	Member
Press Secretary	Member
National Secretary Adviser	Member
Director General, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency	Member
Presidential Consultant on Police Affairs	Member
Group Commander, Presidential Security Group	Member

SEC. 3. In addition to the provisions of Letter of Instruction No. 399 dated 28 April 1976 and Sections 2 and 3 of Executive Order No. 393 dated 24 January 1990, NACAHT shall (a) formulate plans to direct, control, supervise and integrate all measures aimed at preventing and suppressing

hijacking, other threats to civil aviation, and all other forms of terrorism with the end in view of protecting national interests, and (b) adopt measures geared towards the implementation of the following main objectives: (1) to effectively monitor the activities of suspected terrorists, and (2) to develop the capability of local law enforcement agencies to contain the threats of terrorism. These measures shall include a provision for an adequate organization for planning and implementation at all levels as well as guidelines for a clear delineation of authority and functions among committee members.

SEC. 4. NACAHT shall establish close coordination and cooperation with concerned agencies of countries which are vigorously opposing international terrorism to enable our government to actively participate in the united fight against the global threat to universal peace and security. NACAHT shall further enhance the intelligence and operational functions of concerned entities and authorities in dealing with crimes perpetrated by terrorist.

SEC. 5. NACAHT is hereby authorized to call upon other departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government to provide assistance in the effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. All powers, functions, and resources of NACAHT, as stipulated in Letter of Instruction No. 399 dated 28 April 1976, as amended by Executive Order Nos. 393 and 452, shall be absorbed by NACAHT.

SEC. 7. Letter of Instruction No. 399, series 1976, and Executive Orders No. 393, series 1990 and No. 452, series 1991 are accordingly modified.

SEC. 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 247
PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHING A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
FOR THE PROSPECTING OF BIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC RESOURCES,
THEIR BY-PRODUCTS AND DERIVATIVES, FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
COMMERCIAL PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, vests in the State the ultimate responsibility to preserve and protect the environment; and Section 2 Article XII, provides that wildlife, flora and fauna, among others, are owned by the State and the disposition, development and utilization thereof are under its full control and supervision;

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State's conservation efforts to ensure that the research, collection, and use of species, genes and their products be regulated; and to identify and recognize the rights of indigenous cultural communities and other Philippine communities to their traditional knowledge and practices when this information is directly and indirectly put to commercial use;

WHEREAS, under Article 16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity of which the Philippines is a party, each contracting party is mandated to take legislative, administrative or policy measures, as appropriate, with the aim that contracting parties, in particular those that are developing countries, which provide genetic resources are provided access to and transfer of technology which makes use of those resources, on mutually agreed terms, including technology protected by patents and other intellectual property rights;

WHEREAS, the Department on Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and sustainable use of the country's environment and natural resources; the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the primary agency mandated to promote local capability in science and technology to achieve technological self-reliance in selected areas vital to national development; the Department of Agriculture (DA), the agency responsible for the promotion of sustainable agriculture and aquatic resource development; the Department of Health (DOH), the agency responsible for the formulation, planning, implementation, and coordination of policies and programs in the field of health, including the research, regulation, and development of drugs and medicine; the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the agency responsible for promoting international relations;

WHEREAS, an inter-agency approach is the most appropriate way of regulating the research, collection, exploitation and use of biological and genetic resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Policy of the State. It shall be the policy of the State to regulate the prospecting of biological and genetic resources so that these resources are protected and conserved, are developed and put to the sustainable use and benefit of the national interest. Further, it shall promote the development of local capability in science and technology to achieve technological self-reliance in selected areas.

SECTION 2. Consent of Indigenous Cultural Communities.

a. Prospecting of biological and genetic resources shall be allowed within the ancestral lands and domains of indigenous cultural communities only with the prior informed consent of such communities; obtained in accordance with the customary laws of the concerned community.

b. Prospecting of biological and genetic resources shall be allowed only with the prior informed consent of the concerned local communities.

SECTION 3. When Research Agreement Is Necessary. The prospecting of biological and genetic resources shall be allowed when the person, entity or corporation, foreign or domestic, undertaking such activities, on recommendation of the Inter-Agency Committee on Biological and Genetic Resources, has entered into a Research Agreement with the Philippine government, represented by the DENR, DOH, DA, or DOST, depending on the nature and character of the prospecting activity. For purposes of this Executive Order, traditional uses of biological resources by indigenous and local communities shall not require a Research Agreement.

If the research and collection of biological and genetic resources is intended, directly or indirectly, for commercial purposes, the agreement must be a Commercial Research Agreement. For purposes of this Executive Order, all Research Agreements with private persons and corporations, including all agreements with foreign or international entities, shall conform with the minimum requirements of a Commercial Research Agreement.

If the prospecting of biological and genetic materials is intended primarily for academic purposes, the agreement shall be an Academic Research Agreement. Only duly-recognized Philippine universities and academic institutions, domestic governmental entities, and intergovernmental entities may apply for an Academic Research Agreement.

Where the Commercial or Academic Collector is merely an agent or merely collecting for another person or entity, the agreement between the Commercial Collector and the Principal must be reviewed by the Inter-Agency Body to determine the latter agreement does not undermine the substantive requirements of this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. Application for Academic Research Agreement and Commercial Research Agreement The applicant shall first submit an application for a Research Agreement to the Inter-Agency Committee on Biological and Genetic Resources through the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB). It must include a research proposal stating the purpose, source of funds, duration, and a list of biological and genetic materials and the amount to be taken. The requisites for research agreements are in Appendix B.

For Academic Research Agreements, the proposal may be broader and more general in character as provided in Section 5 (m).

A copy of the proposal must be submitted to the recognized head of the local or indigenous cultural community or communities that may be affected. Action on the proposal shall be made only after 60 days has lapsed after a copy of the proposal is received by the persons concerned.

SECTION 5. Minimum Terms of the Commercial Research Agreement and Academic Research Agreement.

The Minimum Terms of the Commercial Research Agreement and Academic Research Agreement are as follows:

(a) There must be a limit on samples that the Commercial/Academic Collector may obtain and export and that the approved list and amount of the samples taken from the area must be followed strictly;

(b) A complete set of all specimens collected shall be deposited by the Commercial/Academic Collector with the National Museum or a duly designated governmental entity; Provided that holotypes designated by the author must be maintained at the National Museum;

(c) Access to collected specimens and relevant data shall be allowed to all Filipino citizens and the Philippine governmental entities whenever these specimens are deposited in depositories abroad;

(d) The Commercial/Academic Collector, or in appropriate cases, its Principal, must inform the Philippine Government, as well as the affected local and indigenous cultural communities all discoveries from the activity conducted in the Philippines, if a commercial product is derived from such activity.

(e) The agreement shall include a provision for the payment of royalties to the National Government, local or indigenous cultural community and individual person or designated beneficiary in case commercial use is derived from the biological and genetic resources taken. Where appropriate and applicable, other forms of compensation may be negotiated;

(f) There shall be a provision allowing the Philippine government to unilaterally terminate the agreement whenever the Commercial/Academic Collector has violated any of its terms. The Agreement may also be revoked on the basis of public interest and welfare;

(g) A status report of the research and the ecological state of the area and/or species concerned shall be submitted to the Inter-Agency Committee regularly as agreed upon;

(h) If the Commercial Collector or its Principal is a foreign person or entity, it must be stipulated that scientists who are citizens of the Philippines must be actively involved in the research and collection process and, where applicable and appropriate as determined by the Inter-Agency Committee, in the technological development of a product derived from the biological and/or genetic resources taken from any area in the Philippines. This involvement shall be at the cost of the Commercial Collector;

(i) The Commercial Collector and/or its Principal shall be encouraged to avail of the services of Philippine universities and academic institutions. Where applicable and appropriate, the Commercial Collector and/or its Principal shall be required to transfer equipment to a Philippine institution or entity.

(j) A fixed fee must be paid to the DENR in accordance with a schedule of fees formulated by the Inter-Agency Committee;

(k) The maximum term for a Commercial Research Agreement shall be for three years and renewable upon review by the Inter-Agency Committee; and

(l) In case of endemic species, there must be a statement that the technology must be made available to a designated Philippine institution and can be used commercially and locally without paying royalty to a Collector or Principal. Provided, however, that where appropriate and applicable, other agreements may be negotiated.

Provided, further, that the following terms shall be considered in an Academic Research Agreement;

(m) The Academic Research Agreement may be comprehensive in scope and cover as many areas as may be projected. It may stipulate that all scientists and researchers affiliated with a duly-recognized university, academic institution, governmental and intergovernmental entity need not apply for a different Research Agreement but may conduct research and collection activities in accordance with an existing Academic Research Agreement. In such cases, the university, academic institution and governmental entity shall ensure that all the terms and conditions of the government are complied with by the affiliated scientist or researcher. In all cases, the university institution or governmental entity must ensure that affected communities have given their prior informed consent to the activities to be undertaken;

(n) There must be a provision requiring the Academic Collector to apply for a commercial research agreement when it becomes clear that the research and collection being done has commercial prospects.

(o) A minimal fee must be paid to the Philippine government in accordance with a schedule of fees by the Inter-Agency Committee; and

(p) The maximum term for an Academic Research Agreement shall be for five years and renewable upon review by the Inter-Agency Committee.

SECTION 6. Composition and Functions of the Inter-Agency Committee on Biological and Genetic Resources. An Inter-Agency Committee on Biological and Genetic Resources attached to the DENR is hereby created as the regulatory body to ensure that the provisions of this Executive Order are enforced and implemented. The Inter-Agency Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. An Undersecretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources designated by the DENR Secretary who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. An Undersecretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) designated by the DOST Secretary who shall be Co-Chairperson of the Committee.

3. A permanent representative of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, who must be knowledgeable about biodiversity or biotechnology.

4. Two permanent representatives of the Philippine science community from the academe and who must be experts in any of the following fields: biodiversity, biotechnology, genetics, natural products chemistry or similar disciplines, shall be appointed by the DOST Secretary after nominations from and consultation with the science community.

5. A permanent representative of the Secretary of the Department of Health who must be knowledgeable about pharmaceutical research and development.

6. A permanent representative of the Department of Foreign Affairs who has to facilitate international linkage relative to bioprospecting.

7. A permanent representative of the National Museum who has expertise on natural history and/or biological diversity.

8. A representative from a Non-Government Organization (NGO) active in biodiversity protection to be selected by the NGO community through a process designed by themselves and later endorsed by the Philippine Council of Sustainable Development.

9. A representative from a People's Organization (PO) with membership consisting of indigenous cultural communities and/or their organizations to be selected by the PO community through a process designed by themselves and through the endorsement of the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development.

All members of the Inter-Agency Committee shall serve for a period of three years which may be renewed for another three years. In case of death, resignation, removal or other circumstance which requires the replacement of a member, said member may be succeeded by another person with the same qualifications and appointed in a similar process. The replacement shall serve the unexpired term of the member replaced.

A Technical Secretariat, to be headed by the PAWB, shall be created to support the work of the Inter-Agency Committee. The Technical Secretariat shall be staffed with personnel from the PAWB and other agencies who shall be designated by the members of the Inter-Agency Committee.

SECTION 7. Powers and Functions of the Inter-Agency Committee.

The Inter-Agency Committee shall meet at least once every quarter and shall have the following functions:

- (a) Process applications for Research Agreements and recommend for approval thereof to the Secretary of DENR, DOH, DA or DOST depending on the nature and character of the prospecting activity;
 - (b) Ensure that the conditions for the Research Agreements are strictly observed;
 - (c) Determine the list and amount of biological and genetic materials that may be taken from the area and ensure that these are complied with;
 - (d) Deputize and train appropriate agencies so as to ensure that no biological and genetic materials are taken from the Philippines and exported abroad except under a valid Research Agreement. It shall also be ensured that the specimens collected have been deposited in the Philippines;
 - (e) Ensure that the rights of the indigenous and local communities wherein the collection or researches are being conducted are protected, including the verification that the consent requirements in Sections 3 and 4 are complied with. The Inter-Agency Committee, after consultations with the affected sectors, shall formulate and issue guidelines implementing the provision on prior informed consent;
 - (f) Study and recommend to the President and the Congress appropriate laws on the utilization of biological and genetic resources including new laws on intellectual property rights;
 - (g) Involve local scientists in the decision making process by creating a Multi-Disciplinary Advisory Body and other entities as may facilitate local involvement in the research, collection and utilization of biological and genetic resources;
 - (h) Develop a conceptual framework, using the research agreements entered into as well as other data as basis, for significantly increasing knowledge of Philippine biodiversity. The Inter-Agency Committee shall establish mechanisms to ensure the integration and dissemination of the information generated from research, collection and utilization activities;
 - (i) Coordinate with the National Committee on Biosafety when necessary or appropriate;
 - (j) Issue rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Executive Order;
- and
- (k) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to implement this Executive Order.

All decisions of the Inter-Agency Committee must be by a majority of all its members.

SECTION 8. Monitoring Implementation of the Research Agreement. The Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) of the DENR shall be the lead agency in monitoring the implementation of the research agreement. The regional offices of the DENR shall also participate in the monitoring.

SECTION 9. Appeals Decisions of the Secretary (DENR, DA, DOH, or DOST) may be appealed to the Office of the President. Recourse to the courts shall be allowed after exhaustion of all administrative remedies.

SECTION 10. Sanctions and Penalties. Undertaking activities in violation of this Executive Order shall be subject to such criminal penalties as may be proper under existing laws including the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992 and the Revised Forestry Code. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Research Agreements entered into under Sections 3, 4 and 5 shall be a valid cause of immediate termination of the Agreement and the imposition of a perpetual ban on undertaking prospecting of biological and genetic resources in the Philippines.

SECTION 11. Existing Researches, Contracts and Agreements. All existing research projects, where allowed under existing law, may proceed pending the negotiation and entry into force of appropriate research agreement. All valid and existing contracts and agreements entered into by the PAWB, the National Museum or other governmental entities shall remain valid and effective; Provided, that the parties shall be required to enter into a new agreement conforming to this Executive Order.

SECTION 12. Official Depository. The official depository of all original and official documents such as agreements and minutes of the meeting is the PAWB.

SECTION 13. Funding. The activities of the Inter-Agency Committee on Biological and Genetic resources shall be funded in accordance with law. Such funding, where allowed by law, may include savings coming from the appropriate and concerned Departments and proceeds from the fees imposed on the Research Agreements.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. This Executive Order and Rules and Regulations takes effect immediately upon publication in two newspapers of general circulation and upon filing of three certified copies with the U.P. Law Center.

SECTION 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The implementing rules and regulations shall be formulated by the Inter-Agency Committee and signed by the Secretary of DENR not later than three months after effectivity of the Executive Order.

DONE in the City of Manila, on this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Source: Presidential Management Staff

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 248
PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND NEW RATES OF ALLOWANCES
FOR OFFICIAL LOCAL AND FOREIGN TRAVELS OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the existing rules and regulations and authorized rates of allowances for official local and foreign travels of government personnel have become unrealistic and no longer responsive to their reasonable needs;

WHEREAS, present circumstances warrant a review of the existing rules and regulations and rates of travel allowances governing official travel here and abroad of government personnel;

WHEREAS, to provide government personnel on official travel here and abroad with fairly reasonable means within the financial capability of the government to enable them to travel in a manner befitting their representative capacity, it is necessary to further modify and adjust existing rules and regulations and authorized allowances thereon;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 79 of Presidential Decree No. 1177, dated July 30, 1977, and Section 72, Chapter 7, Book VI of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, the rates of travel allowances may be changed from time to time as may be determined by the President upon recommendation of the Travel Rates Committee therein created consisting of the Secretary of Budget and Management as Chairman and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of Tourism and the Chairman, Commission on Audit, or their representatives, as members;

WHEREAS, the Travel Rates Committee in accordance with its mandate has submitted to the President recommendations to modify and adjust existing rules and regulations and authorized allowances for local and foreign travels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. COVERAGE. -- This Executive Order shall govern official local and foreign travels of government personnel, both national and local, including personnel of government-owned and/or controlled corporations and government financial institutions.

SECTION 2. NATURE OF TRAVEL. Travels and assignments under this Executive Order shall cover only those which are urgent and extremely necessary, will involve the minimum expenditure and are beneficial to the agency concerned and/or the country.

SECTION 3. CATEGORY OF TRAVEL AND THE GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS. -- Official Local Travel shall be governed by TITLE I, Official Travel Abroad by TITLE II, and the Miscellaneous Provisions in TITLE III.

TITLE I: OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. -- For purposes of this Executive Order, the following terms shall be construed to mean:

a) Permanent Official Station the office or regular place of work of the officer or employee concerned.

b) Travel Allowance -- the authorized amount which shall cover the daily subsistence and incidental travel expenses while on official travel.

c) **Hotel Room / Lodging Rate** -- The daily hotel room rate including prescribed taxes and service charges.

SECTION 5. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL. -- Official local travel for (7) calendar days and below shall be approved by the head of office/bureau or their equivalent. Travel that will last for more than seven (7) calendar days but not more than one (1) calendar month shall be approved by the Department Secretary or his equivalent. Travel that will last for more than one (1) calendar month shall be approved by the President of the Philippines or official duly authorized by him.

For purposes of this Order, approval of travel of officials and employees of government-owned and/or controlled corporations and financial institutions that will last for not more than one (1) calendar month shall be subject to the policies, rules and regulations that will be adopted by their respective governing Boards, and by the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government in the case of officials and employees of local government units.

SECTION 6. ALLOWABLE TRAVEL EXPENSES. -- The travel expenses of government personnel regardless of rank and position shall be in the amount of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) per day divided into two (2) components: a) Travel Allowance of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) which will cover the cost of meal, inland transportation and other incidental expenses; and b) Hotel Room/Lodging Rate at One Hundred Pesos (P100.00).

Claims for reimbursement of actual travel expenses in excess of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) above prescribed for travel allowance and **hotel room/lodging rate** may be allowed upon certification by the head of agency concerned as absolutely necessary in the performance of an assignment and **presentation of bills and receipts**; *Provided*, That, for this purpose, certification or affidavit of loss shall not be considered as appropriate replacement for the required hotel room/lodging bills and receipts.

Full travel expenses shall be allowed only in cases of absence from the permanent official station for one (1) full day. In cases where such absence is for less than a full day the travel allowance shall be divided as follows:

a) When leaving the permanent official station before 12:00 noon shall be allowed the full amount of the travel expenses.

b) When leaving the permanent official station after 12:00 noon shall be allowed only one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the amount of the travel allowance, and full amount for **Hotel Room Lodging Rate**.

c) When returning to the permanent official station before 12:00 noon shall be allowed one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the amount of the travel allowance only.

d) When returning to the permanent official station after 12:00 noon shall be allowed the full amount of the travel allowance only.

No portion of the actual cost of travel expenses allowed to Department Secretaries, Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and their equivalent, and other government officials shall cover the expenses of any of the staff accompanying said officials in the travel, otherwise, such staff shall not be allowed any of the allowances herein authorized.

The Department / Agency Head concerned or his equivalent shall determine the mode and class of transportation and the kind of hotel / lodging / pension houses to be taken which in all cases shall be the most advantageous to the government from the standpoint of economy and efficiency. Only the ordinary public conveyance or customary modes of transportation shall be used, except in meritorious cases and justified by prevailing circumstances.

Officials and employees whose permanent official station is within the Metropolitan Manila Area shall not be allowed the travel expenses herein authorized for their travel / assignment to places within the Metropolitan Manila Area. The same restriction shall also apply to those in cities and municipalities outside the Metropolitan Manila Area when assigned to places within the city or municipality wherein their permanent official station is located.

Claims for payment of travel expenses for official travel / assignment to places within the fifty (50) kilometers radius from the last city or municipality covered by the Metropolitan Manila Area in the case of those whose permanent official station is in the Metropolitan Manila Area, or the city or municipality wherein their permanent official station is located in the case of those outside the Metropolitan Manila Area, shall be allowed only upon presentation of proof duly supported by bills or invoices with official receipts of expenses incurred, that they stayed in the place of their assignment for the whole duration of their official travel. If they commute daily from the place of their assignment to the place of their residence or permanent official station, they shall be allowed only the reimbursement of actual fare at the prevailing rates of the authorized mode of transportation from the permanent official station to the destination or place of work and back, and a reasonable cost of actual meal allowance, but in no case shall exceed the Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) travel allowance herein authorized.

TITLE II: OFFICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

SECTION 7. NATURE OF TRAVEL. -- Travels and assignments under this Executive Order shall cover only those which are urgent and extremely necessary, will involve the minimum expenditure and are expected to bring immediate benefit to the country, and shall refer only to those under the category of conferences, special missions, and other non-study trips such as those undertaken for the following purposes:

- a) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by foreign governments or international government organizations to which the Philippine Government is committed or invited to send representatives or participants;
- b) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by private organizations, whether international or not, invitations to which have been sent through their respective governments to the Philippine Government;
- c) To conduct examinations or investigations of Philippine Government agencies or affairs;
- d) To undertake any other official mission which cannot be assigned to any other Philippine government official or officials already abroad;
- e) To participate in short courses in certain areas of specialization arranged directly by government agencies with foreign institutions of learning;
- f) To attend training seminars as component of contracts of foreign suppliers, with or without government funding; and
- g) To attend training courses funded from loans secured from foreign sources.

SECTION 8. **APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.** All official travels abroad of Department Secretaries, Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, heads, senior assistant heads and assistant heads of government-owned and/or controlled corporations and financial institutions, and heads of local government units like Provincial Governors and Mayors of highly urbanized cities or independent component cities, and other officials of equivalent rank whose nature of travel falls under the categories prescribed in this Order shall be subject to the prior approval of the President of the Philippines. All other positions concerned shall be with prior approval of their respective Department Secretaries and their equivalent; *Provided, That*, travel that will last for more than one (1) calendar month shall also be subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines.

For this purpose, official foreign travel that will last for one (1) calendar month and below of other officials and employees of government-owned and/or controlled corporations and financial institutions shall be approved by the Department Secretaries or their equivalent to which such government-owned/controlled corporations and financial institutions are attached, and by the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government in the case of other officials and employees of local government units.

Prior clearance from the Office of the President shall also be required for foreign trips of delegations or groups of two or more persons regardless of the rank of participants.

SECTION 9. **PRE-DEPARTURE EXPENSES.** -- Officials and employees authorized to travel abroad shall be entitled to One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) commutable pre-departure allowance to cover miscellaneous/ incidental expenses, such as taxi fare, passport photographs, immunization, visa fees, tips, portorage, and airport terminal fees.

SECTION 10. **TRANSPORTATION.** -- In case officials and employees authorized to travel abroad are not provided with transportation by the host country or sponsoring organization or agency, they shall be allowed official transportation which shall be of the economy class unless otherwise specified in the travel authority and approved by the President.

SECTION 11. **CLOTHING ALLOWANCES.** -- Officials and employees authorized to travel shall be granted clothing allowance equivalent to Four Hundred United States Dollars (US\$400.00)

Clothing allowance shall not be granted oftener than once in every twenty-four (24) months and a certification shall be submitted to the effect that no clothing allowance had been received during the next preceding twenty-four (24) months.

SECTION 12. **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND HOTEL ROOM RATE / PER DIEM.** -- Officials and employees who travel abroad shall be granted travel allowance of One Hundred United States Dollars (US\$100.00) and **hotel room/ lodging rate** of Two Hundred United States Dollars (US\$200.00) per day.

Claims for lodging or hotel accommodation shall be allowed only when duly supported by appropriate **hotel room bills with official receipts**; *Provided, That*, for the purpose, no certification or affidavit of loss shall be considered or accepted.

Subject to approval of the President, actual travel expenses in excess of the Three Hundred United States Dollars (US\$300.00) above-prescribed for travel allowance and **hotel room / lodging rate**, may be allowed upon certification by the head of agency concerned as absolutely necessary in the performance of an assignment and presentation of **hotel room bill with official receipts**.

The above travel allowance is intended to cover subsistence, local transportation and other incidental expenses, and shall not be divided into units; *Provided, That*, **full travel allowance shall be allowed only in accordance with the provisions of the third paragraph of Section 6 hereof.**

For purposes of this Order and of the provisions of Section 75 of R.A. No. 7157, otherwise known as the Foreign Service Act of 1991, the travel allowance and **hotel room rate** herein provided

shall also be known as per diems insofar as the Department of Foreign Affairs is concerned. As such, it shall consist of four (4) units: breakfast, lunch, dinner and lodging. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs is duly authorized to prescribe additional guidelines thereon, particularly in the proper allocation of amounts per unit thereof.

The travel allowance herein provided for shall be granted only for the duration of the official trip, including **actual** travel time, which shall be computed according to the most direct air route, unless otherwise specified in the authority for the trip. Any additional time extension caused by taking a diverse route shall not be on government time and expense.

SECTION 13. **REPRESENTATION EXPENSES.** -- Philippine delegations to international conferences, conventions or special missions, as well as individuals travelling on official business may, upon prior approval of the President, be allowed non-commutable representation expenses **not exceeding One Thousand United States Dollars (US\$1,000.00)**, duly supported by bills or receipts, as shall be absolutely necessary to enable them to uphold the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines, to represent the country with dignity and distinction, and to carry out their functions and objectives more effectively.

Representation expenses may be incurred for necessary entertainment, contributions, flowers, wreaths, and the like, when justified by circumstances and in conformity with the generally accepted customs, usages, and practices.

SECTION 14. **APPLICABILITY TO PERSONNEL STATIONED ABROAD.** -- Officials and employees already posted abroad may avail themselves of the allowances prescribed under this Order when they travel officially outside of their post of assignment, or to countries to which they are duly accredited on a non-resident basis, or to countries over which the post has concurrent jurisdiction; *Provided*, That (1) unless indicated otherwise, funds therefor are chargeable to the post allotment and no supplemental budget is requested for the purpose; (2) prior authority is secured from their respective Department Secretaries and those Officials of equivalent rank; (3) **the travel necessitates an overnight stay by reason of distance and/or the non-availability of return transportation**; and (4) travel within the one hundred (100) mile radius from the city or municipality wherein the official station of such official or employee is located shall not be allowed any of the allowances herein authorized.

Officials and employees who are either assigned from their Home Office to a post abroad or cross-posted from one post to another shall be entitled to the lodging portion of the allowances herein granted during the month said personnel arrived at the post; *Provided*, That the claim which shall be supported by appropriate bills with receipts does not commence until their actual arrival at the post; *Provided, Further*, That pursuant to Section 65 of R.A. No. 7157, they shall not collect living quarters allowance until the first day of the month following their arrival at the post of assignment; *Provided, Finally*, **That, the lodging portion of the allowance shall be granted on the basis of the classification of the post as stated under E.O. No. 101, series of 1993, with Two Hundred United States Dollars (US\$200.00) per day as the ceiling thereof.**

SECTION 15. **PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE DIFFERENTIAL.** -- Where the official or employee travelling abroad is provided by the host government or institution with per diem, or allowance lower than that prescribed in this Order, he shall be entitled to the difference only.

TITLE III: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 16. **RENDITION OF ACCOUNT ON CASH ADVANCES.** -- Within sixty (60) days after his return to the Philippines, in the case of official travel abroad, or **within (30) days of his return to his permanent official station in the case of official local travel**, every official or employee shall render

an account of the cash advance received by him in accordance with existing applicable rules and regulations and/or such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Commission on Audit for the purpose. Payment of the salary of any official or employee who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall be suspended until he complies therewith.

SECTION 17. AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT. -- If in a span of at least five (5) years the inadequacy of the adjusted rates of allowances is again felt, upward adjustment may be automatically made using the factors and computation used by the Travel Rates Committee, particularly Attachments A and B, which are made integral parts hereof.

SECTION 18. SUBMISSION OF REPORT. -- Every official or employee assigned or authorized to travel under this Order shall, within one (1) month after his return to official station, submit a report with his recommendations, if any, on the conference or seminar attended, examination or investigation conducted, or mission undertaken, to the head of his office. In case of participation in an international conference or convention abroad in which the Philippines is represented by a delegation, a report of the delegation shall be submitted to the President of the Philippines through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs not later than one (1) month after the closing of the conference or convention. Any member of the delegation may also submit a supplementary report.

Violation of the provisions of this Section shall subject the official or employee concerned to disciplinary action.

SECTION 19. INSURANCE. -- Any official or employee on travel pursuant to this Order shall be allowed reimbursement of premium for accident insurance coverage, not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) for the duration of his official travel. Under no circumstances, however, shall premiums on insurance of personal or household effects belonging to any official or employee on official travel be charged to government funds.

SECTION 20. CHARGEABILITY OF EXPENSES. -- The expenses authorized under this Order shall, unless otherwise specified, be chargeable against the appropriations of the office to which the official or employee concerned belongs.

SECTION 21. SAVING CLAUSE. -- Cases not covered by this Order shall be referred to the Office of the President for final resolution.

SECTION 22. FUNDING SOURCE. -- In the case of regular government offices/ agencies, the funds shall be as provided for each of the departments/ agencies/ offices for the item on Travelling Expense in the annual General Appropriation Act. For government-owned and/or controlled corporations and financial institutions and local government units, funding for the purpose shall be sourced solely from their respective corporate and local funds.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE. -- The pertinent provisions of Executive Order No. 53, dated October 29, 1986, Executive Order No. 151, dated March 19, 1987, as implemented by National Budget Circular No. 391, dated October 6, 1987, and National Budget Circular No. 391-A, dated June 29, 1989, Executive Order No. 401, dated April 26, 1990, and administrative authorizations not consistent with this Order are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVITY. -- This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Acting Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 248-A
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 248, DATED 29 MAY 1995 WHICH PRESCRIBED
RULES AND REGULATIONS AND NEW RATES OF ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICIAL
LOCAL AND FOREIGN TRAVELS OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Section 7, Title II of the Executive Order No. 248 dated 29 May 1995 entitled “Prescribing Rules and Regulations and New Rates of Allowances of Official Local and Foreign Travels of Government Personnel”, be deleting subsection e, f and g, to read as follows:

“**SEC. 7 NATURE OF TRAVEL.** – Travels and assignments under this Executive Order shall cover only those which are urgent and extremely necessary, will involve the minimum expenditure and are expected to bring immediate benefit to the country, and shall refer only to those under the category of conferences, special missions, and other non-study trips such as those undertaken for the following purposes:

- a. To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by foreign governments or international government organization to which the Philippine Government is committed or invited to send representatives or participants;
- b. To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by private organizations, whether international or not, invitations to which have been sent through their respective governments to the Philippine Government;
- c. To conduct examinations or investigations of Philippine Government agencies or affairs; and
- d. To undertake any other official mission which cannot be assigned to any other Philippine government official or officials already abroad.”

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 249
GRANTING PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS TO CERTAIN VIETNAMESE CITIZENS
AND FILIPINO-VIETNAMESE CHILDREN PURSUANT TO SECTION 47
OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1940

WHEREAS, Filipino workers and their wives, children and relatives were evacuated by the Philippine Navy from Vietnam in several missions in 1975 and 1978 during the Vietnam War and were legally admitted into the country;

WHEREAS, these Filipino-Vietnamese children, Vietnamese wives (legal, common-law and widows), and other Vietnamese relatives have pending applications for permanent resident status with the Special Committee of the Task Force on International Refugee Assistance and Administration (TFIRAA) under the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), which have been referred by the Department of Justice (DOJ) per its Opinion No. 42 (s. 1993) to the Bureau of Immigration;

WHEREAS, these Filipino-Vietnamese children, Vietnamese wives (legal, common-law widowed) and other Vietnamese relatives have been unable to produce the required legal documentation for their immigration applications because they left during the height of the Vietnam War;

WHEREAS, since their legitimate arrival some 16 to 19 years ago, these Filipino-Vietnamese children, Vietnamese wives (legal, common-law and widowed) and other Vietnamese relatives continue to live as a marginal minority group who have not been fully integrated into Philippine society and, consequently, have become displaced persons;

WHEREAS, the DOJ has issued Opinion No. 49 (s. 1995), clarifying its Opinion No. 42 (s. 1993), that “the illegitimate child of a Filipino father and a Vietnamese mother is a Filipino citizen considering that a child born of a Filipino father is a Filipino citizen following the 1935 Constitution and the doctrine of *jus sanguinis* as adopted in the 1973 and the present Constitution as the basis for determining Philippine citizenship,” provided Filipino paternal filiation is established by sufficient and convincing documentary evidence;

WHEREAS, the family units of these Filipino-Vietnamese children should not be broken up by denying Philippine residence to their Vietnamese mothers and relatives who have been part of Philippine society for the past 19 years; and

WHEREAS, to grant permanent resident status to these Vietnamese wives (legal, common-law and widowed) and other Vietnamese relatives is in line with the Constitutional policies under Article XV, Section 1, recognizing the importance of the family as the foundation of the nation, Article II, Section 12, recognizing the sanctity of family life and Article XV, Section 3, defending the rights of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby orders:

This Order shall apply strictly to:

- a) those Vietnamese citizens who legally arrived in the Philippines prior to or during the Vietnam War, but not later than 31 December 1978;

b) children of Filipino citizens and the Vietnamese citizens referred to in paragraph (a) above, whether or not their parents were legally married and whether or not such children were born in the Philippines, provided Filipino paternal filiation is established in accordance with law; and

c) direct descendants of children of Filipino and Vietnamese parentage referred to in paragraph (b) above.

2. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Immigration Act of 1940, the following Vietnamese citizens, and all Vietnamese citizens similarly situated but not included in this list at the time of issuance of this Order, if not otherwise qualified for Philippine citizenship as children of Filipino citizens under the 1935, 1973 and present Constitutions, are hereby granted **permanent resident** status:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Means of Arrival</u>
1. Le Thi Ai	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
2. Luong Ngoo Anh	CLW	04/22/75	Phil. Airplane (Grp. # 40
3. Pham Thi Anh	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Aurora Ship
4. Truong Thi Anh	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
5. Nguyen Thi Ba	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
6. Nhan dela Cruz	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
7. Ngo Thi Ngoc Chau	W/CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
8. Le Thi Dao	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
9. Vo Thi Dao	S	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
10. Nguyen Thi Duc	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
11. Hua Dung	CLW	10/14/75	Air France
12. Tran Thi Gai	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
13. Nguyen Thi Giang	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
14. Truong Thi Giao	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
Nguyen Thi Thu Ha	W/CLW	11/02/78	RPS Aurora Ship
16. Nguyen Thi Hai	CLW	11/21/78	Air France
17. Truong Thi Hai	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
18. Bui Thi Hanh	CLW	10/27/75	Air France
19. Dang Thi Hoa	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
20. Hoang Thi Hoa	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
21. Nguyen Thi Hoa	LM	05/01/78	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
22. Nguyen Thi Kim Hoa	CLW	10/14/75	Air France
Tieu Thi My Hoa	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Vo Thi Hoi	LM	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
25. Nguyen Thi Hong	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Huynh Thi Hue	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
27. Le Thi Hung	W/CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Bui Thi Huong	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Tran Thi Huyen	CLW	12/22/75	Air France
Kieu Nuong Huynh	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Le Thi Khanh	W/CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Means of Arrival</u>
Nguyen Thi Ky	CLW	12/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
Nguyen Thi Lai	LM	04/01/72	Air France
Nguyen A. Lang	W/LM	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Phan Thi Lieu	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
Tran Thi Loc	LM	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Bui Thi Ly	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
Tao Thi Mai	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
39. Nguyen Ngoc Men	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
40. Le Thi Minh	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
41. Le Thi Ngoc Minh	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
42. Nguyen Thi Muoi	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
43. Nguyen Phuong Nam	W/LM	04/28/75	US Airplane
44. Huynh Thi Nem	CLW	10/18/75	Air France
45. Nguyen Thi Nghia	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
46. Minh Man Nguyen	LM	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
47. Nguyen Ngoc Nguyen	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
48. Phuong Trong Nguyen	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
49. Ho Thi Nhen	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
50. Dang Thi Nu	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
51. Nguyen Thi Phan	W/CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
52. Nguyen Thi Kim Phi	W/CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
53. Le Thi Phien	LM	11/07/75	Airplane
54. Pham Thi Phu	CLW	04/22/75	Airplane
55. Nguyen Thi Phuong	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
56. Nguyen Thi Sau	LM	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
57. Le Thi Siem	CLW	09/08/75	Air France
58. Nguyen Thi Tai	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
59. Nguyen Thi Than	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
60. Huynh Kim Thanh	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
61. Dang Thi Thanh	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
62. Le Thi The	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
63. Nguyen Thi Thu	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
64. Nguyen Thi Tieu	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Aurora Ship
65. Nguyen Bach Tuyet	CLW	04/24/75	Airplane
66. Bui Thi Tuyet	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Le Thi Tuyet	CLW	07/25/76	Airplane
68. Pham Thi Tuyet	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
69. Tran Thi Tuyet	W/CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship
Tran Thi Xinh	CLW	05/01/75	RPS Misamis Oriental Ship
Mai Ba Huyen	LM	1971	Commercial Airplane
Tran Thi Yen	CLW	11/21/78	RPS Laguna Ship

CLW	–	Common-Law Wife
S	–	Single
LM	–	Legally Married
W	–	Widow

3. Pursuant likewise to Section 47 of the Immigration Act of 1940, the passport and other documentary requirements, for the issuance of permanent resident visas to the foregoing Vietnamese citizens and other persons similarly situated who are covered by this Order, are hereby waived. The Secretary of Justice is hereby directed to immediately prepare the guidelines to be followed by the Bureau of Immigration in the processing of the permanent resident visas of the foregoing Vietnamese citizens and other persons similarly situated who are covered by this Order.

4. The Secretary of Justice is hereby directed to immediately prepare the guidelines to be followed by the Bureau of Immigration in the processing of the citizenship papers of the Filipino-Vietnamese children who are covered by this Order, pursuant to the Department of Justice Opinion No. 49 (s. 1995), clarifying its Opinion No. 42 (s. 1993) that the Filipino-Vietnamese children of Filipino men and Vietnamese women, are entitled to Philippine citizenship as natural-born citizens on the basis of Filipino paternity and the doctrine of *jus sanguinis*, under the 1935, 1973 and present Constitutions, provided that Filipino paternal filiation is proved administratively in accordance with law.

5. The Bureau of Immigration is hereby given until 15 August 1995 to complete the processing of the citizenship papers or permanent resident visas, as the case may be, of the foregoing Vietnamese citizens, Filipino-Vietnamese children and other persons similarly situated who are covered by this Order. The Secretary of Justice shall submit his report on the implementation of this Order to the Office of the President on or before 31 August 1995.

6. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs is hereby directed to facilitate the issuance of passports to the Filipino-Vietnamese children found qualified for Philippine citizenship pursuant to this Order if the latter desire to apply for the same.

The Secretaries of Justice and Foreign Affairs are hereby directed to provide residence and travel documents to the foregoing Vietnamese citizens and other Vietnamese citizens similarly situated who are hereby granted permanent resident status but cannot obtain Vietnamese passports.

7 This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

Source: Presidential Management Staff

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 250
IMPLEMENTING THE RATIONALIZATION OF DUTY FREE STORES/OUTLETS
AND THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 140 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 140, dated 30 November 1993, provides for the rationalization of duty free stores/outlets and their operations in the Philippines, in order to enhance their conformity with the generally observed practices in most countries and to avoid their possible adverse impact on local enterprises;

WHEREAS, to implement the rationalization, there is a need to modify policies and improve certain existing operational aspects of the duty free stores/outlets in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order, as follows:

Section 1. Allowable Areas for Duty Free Shop Operation. The moratorium on the establishment of duty free stores/outlets imposed by EO No. 140 is hereby lifted. Accordingly, duty free stores/outlets, whether operated by the government and/or private entities, may be established within the country's international ports of entry subject to the terms and conditions set forth in EO No. 46, as amended, and in the secured and fenced-in areas of special economic zones/freeports pursuant to the provisions of the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992 (RA 7227), establishing the Subic Special Economic Zone/Freeport Zone, Clark Special Economic Zone, John Hay Special Economic Zone, Poro Point Special Economic and Freeport Zone; RA 7922 (Establishing the Sta. Ana, Cagayan Special Economic Zone and Freeport); and RA 7903 (Creating the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone and Freeport).

Section 2. Phase Out of Certain Duty-free Shops. Duty free stores/outlets located outside said international ports of entry and special economic zones/freeports shall be phased out on December 31, 1995.

Section 3. Purchase Limits. The purchase limits for duty-free shopping shall be as follows:

- a. Tourists and Filipinos traveling to or returning from foreign destinations - One Thousand U.S. Dollars (US\$1,000) but not to exceed Ten Thousand U.S. Dollars (US\$10,000) in any given year;
- b. Overseas Contract Workers and Balikbayans as defined under RA 6768 - Two Thousand U.S. Dollars (US\$2,000);
- c. Residents, eighteen years of age and above, of special economic zones and/or freeports, and in the case of Clark Special Economic Zone, in accordance with Proclamation No. 163 and Executive Order 80 - One Hundred U.S. Dollars (US\$100) per month per person; and
- d. Non-Residents of special economic zones and/or freeports - Two Hundred U.S. Dollars (US\$200) per person per year; provided that this privilege shall be terminated on December 31, 1995.

Section 4. Acceptable Currency. Purchases in all duty free shops shall be made only in U.S. Dollars or other acceptable foreign currencies.

Section 5. Allowable Items in Duty Free Shops. The range of items to be sold by duty free stores/outlets operated by Duty Free Philippines outside of special economic zones/freeports established pursuant to Republic Act Nos. 7227 and 7916 shall henceforth be limited only to consumables, light durables, television sets of sizes not manufactured in the Philippines and locally manufactured heavy durables. Imported heavy durables carried by duty free stores/outlets operated within special economic zones/freeports can only be sold to the residents of the secured area of the special economic zones and/or freeports. Sale of all locally manufactured goods in duty free shops/outlets shall be encouraged.

Section 6. Oversight Committee. There shall be an Oversight Committee, chaired by the Executive Secretary with the representatives of the following as members: the National Economic and Development Authority, Departments of Trade and Industry, Finance, Justice and Tourism, the Bases Conversion Development Authority, and three (3) representatives from the private sector, as recommended by the Department of Trade and Industry. The Committee shall recommend to the President policies for the efficient administration of the duty free shops operations and shall submit quarterly reports to the President on the duty free shop operations.

Section 7. Secretariat. The Presidential Management Staff shall be the secretariat of the Oversight Committee.

Section 8. Control System. The Duty Free Philippines and operators of duty free stores/outlets in special economic zones and/or freeports shall put up and operate control systems designed to detect and prevent abuses of the privileges granted under this Order. The control system must be made available for audit by the Bureau of Customs. Any violation of this Executive Order and/or abuse of the privileges granted herein or other related laws and issuances shall be acted upon within seventy-two (72) hours after its report or discovery and a report thereof submitted to the Bureau of Customs for appropriate action.

Section 9. Reporting. The Duty Free Philippines and operators of duty free stores/outlets shall submit to the Department of Finance on a quarterly basis such information as may be required by the Department.

Section 10. Export Promotion. Under the direction of the Department of Trade and Industry, the Duty Free Philippines shall undertake export promotion activities the cost of which shall not exceed one (1%) percent of its annual net sales.

Section 11. All other provisions of E.O. No. 140 not otherwise affected by this order shall stay in force, including, but not limited to, the requirement that the Duty Free Philippines shall remit to the National Government an amount equivalent to 1.5 per cent of its net sales.

Section 12. Repealing Clause. All executive orders, letters of instructions, issuances, memoranda, and proclamations not consistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 13. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done, in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President.

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 250-A

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 250 DATED 2 JUNE 1995 IMPLEMENTING THE
RATIONALIZATION OF DUTY FREE STORES/OUTLETS AND THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE
PHILIPPINES PURSUANT TO EO 140 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, under Sec. 4 (f) of RA 6768, balikbayans, as defined therein, are entitled to buy one (1) item of every product category of non-consumables, whose selling price exceeds Two Hundred United States Dollars (US \$200.00);

WHEREAS, balikbayans and overseas contract workers are clamoring for their entitlement to buy such duty-free imported heavy durables;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Executive Order No. 250 dated 2 June 1995 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 5. *Allowable Items in duty free shops* - The range of items to be sold by duty free stores/outlets operated by Duty Free Philippines outside of special economic zones/freeports established pursuant to RA Nos. 7227 and 7916 shall henceforth be limited to consumables, light durables, television sets of sizes not manufactured in the Philippines and locally manufactured heavy durables.

Imported heavy durables carried by duty free stores/outlets operated in the country's international ports of entry and special economic zones and freeports shall only be sold to balikbayans, overseas contract workers and residents of the secured area of the special economic zones and/or freeports.

In the availment of this privilege, the following shall be presented as proof of entitlement:

- a. Filipino citizen who has been continuously out of the country for at least one (1) year from date of last departure:

Philippine Passport showing date of last departure.

- b. Foreign passport holder:

Passport and any one of the following:

Old Philippine passport

Foreign naturalization papers to show former

Philippine citizenship
Certification from adopted country

c. Filipino overseas contract worker:

1. Passport and any one of the following:

POEA approved contract of employment
Certificate of employment by the foreign employer
Certificate of employment by the Philippine
Embassy/Consulate
Prior year's income tax return to prove gainful employment abroad
Seaman's Service Record Book

Family members of the balikbayan who are travelling with the balikbayan should present:

1. Passport and any one of the following:

Birth certificate, in the case of children
Marriage certificate, in the case of the spouse
Adoption papers, in the case of legally adopted children."

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 251
DECLARING THE ISLAND OF LUZON AS CALAMITY AREA AS A RESULT
OF THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE EPIDEMIC, RATIONALIZING PUBLIC SAFETY
MEASURES FOR THE ERADICATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN THE
COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, there has been a series of reports of outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the animal industry particularly on swine, cattle, and carabao in the entire Island of Luzon;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture through a Technical Committee created to look into these reports have confirmed the presence of the said disease in the entire Island of Luzon;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has recognized that the alarming rate of the spread of the disease has reached epidemic proportions; further, that such a spread must be arrested and prevented from affecting the Visayas and Mindanao provinces, including Palawan, most of which are now declared FMD-free zones;

WHEREAS, there is a need to rationalize the functions of the various government agencies and local government units concerned in the eradication of the disease from Philippine soil;

WHEREAS, failure to eradicate the disease from the country will greatly affect the animal industry and the national economy, as it will tend to work against our global competitiveness in this particular agricultural sector when the effectivity of World Trade Organization shall have commenced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. That the entire Island of Luzon be declared as a Calamity Area as a result of the foot and mouth disease epidemic.

SEC. 2. The initial amount of Twenty Million (P20,000,000.00) pesos be released from the President's calamity fund for the initial implementation of this Order, if the need arises, further fund releases from the calamity fund shall be allowed upon approval by the Office of the President.

SEC. 3. The Department of Agriculture, through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), shall coordinate and supervise the implementation of the necessary preventive and control measures, the monitoring of the presence of the Foot and Mouth Disease, and the procurement, distribution, and administration of vaccines to the affected areas of the country.

SEC. 4. All concerned government agencies, including local government units, shall immediately report to the Bureau of Animal Industry any occurrence of the disease in their respective jurisdictions. They shall provide all necessary assistance to DA-BAI inspection teams operating within their jurisdiction. Further, in case a Local Government Units is declared as FMD infected area by the Department of Agriculture, Ten (10) percent of the contingency fund allocated from their Internal Revenue Allotment shall be used for the procurement of vaccines, drugs and/or biological necessary for the control of FMD in their respective areas.

SEC. 5. The Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry shall give priority to backyard animal raisers in the distribution and administration of vaccines to affected animals and, if possible, give the vaccines free of charge to backyard farmers / raisers.

SEC. 6. Procurement of the necessary medicines, vaccines, and laboratory equipment, whether local or made abroad, for the prosecution of the intents of this Order shall be exempted from payment of tariffs, customs duties, or any other applicable taxes. For this purpose, a certification from the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry indicating that said medicines, vaccines, and/or equipment shall be used for the eradication of FMD shall be necessary.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the President of the Philippines monthly accomplishment reports, stating the progress of the work done on the eradication of FMD, further works to be done, recommendations, if any.

SEC. 8. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in force.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in effect until the Foot and Mouth Disease shall have been officially declared by the DA-BAI as totally eradicated in the country.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 252
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203 ENTITLED: “CREATING THE
OVERSIGHT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES FOR THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT’S MAJOR SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA”

WHEREAS, the Social Agenda sets the framework and direction for the efforts of all sectors of Philippine society in line with the overall objective of national unity, and intends to improve access to quality basic services; accelerate asset reform and sustainable development of productive resources; and allow greater access to economic opportunities; and strengthen institution-building and participation in governance of Basic Sectors in priority geographic areas;

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the SRA aimed at a rapid improvement in the levels of well-being of sectors, most especially the disadvantaged, and communities, and to an enhancement of the nation’s competitiveness requires an effective mechanism for day-to-day monitoring and periodic strategic, policy and program review in the broad context of the Administration’s vision for an empowered democracy and development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 (1.3) of Executive Order No. 203 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“1.3 Secretary-General of the Executive Committee/SRA Council. There shall be a Secretary-General of the Executive Committee/Social Reform Agenda (SRA) Council to be appointed by the President with the following functions:

- a. Assist in the coordination of all concerns/requirements with various Government agencies and non-government sectors to facilitate and ensure effective implementation of the SRA;*
- b. Assist the Lead Convenor in day-to-day requirements of the Council in effectively coordinating interagency initiatives, synchronizing national and local programs and facilitating multisectoral activities among government and NGO sectors;*
- c. Head the Secretariat whose staff support shall be provided by the Office of the Presidential Adviser for the Peace Process and the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform;*
- d. Perform other tasks as may be assigned by the Executive Committee/SRA Council.”*

SEC. 2. All Executive Orders and other administrative issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of June, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 253
PROVIDING FOR THE RATIONALIZATION AND UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING
PASSPORT EXTENSION OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
INTO REGIONAL CONSULAR OFFICES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to bring public service closer to the people;

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), desirous of providing services to cover the widest possible area, has created ten (10) Passport Extension Offices, whose primary function is the delivery of passport services, in the following regions:

1. San Fernando, La Union (Region I)
2. Cauayan, Isabela (Region II)
3. San Fernando, Pampanga (Region III)
4. Lucena City, Quezon (Region IV)
5. Legaspi, Albay (Region V)
6. Iloilo City, Iloilo (Region VI)
7. Cebu City, Cebu (Region VII)
8. Zamboanga City, Zamboanga (Region IX)
9. Cagayan de Oro City (Region X)
10. Davao City, Davao (Region XI)

WHEREAS, pursuant to recent human resource development diplomacy thrust of the DFA, the Passport Extension Offices also engage in public information and education of government policies and attend to requests for assistance from relatives of overseas contract workers (OCWs) residing within their respective regional jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, in order to sustain efforts in providing assistance to OCWs and their relatives in the Philippines, there is a need to upgrade the functions, scope and responsibilities of the Passport Extension Offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the upgrading of the DFA Passport Extension Offices into Regional Consular Offices.

SECTION 1. Organization. The DFA Regional Consular Offices shall be composed of Home Office-based personnel and locally hired employees from the Region. It shall be headed by an Officer-In-Charge, who shall have the minimum rank of Foreign Service Staff Officer (FSSO).

SEC. 2. Staff House. The DFA Regional Consular Office is duly authorized to rent a staff house for its Home Office-based personnel, preferably in the same building or premises where the Office is situated.

SEC. 3. Funding. Funding for the Regional Consular Office shall come from the annual budget of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Passport Revolving Fund. For Calendar Year 1995, an

initial fund of Five Million Pesos (₱5M) shall be released from the President's Contingent Fund and/or any available appropriations for CY 1995, as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management, for the upgrading of the ten (10) existing extension offices and the creation of at least two (2) Regional Consular Offices in Region VIII and XII.

SEC. 4. *Additional Guidelines.* The Secretary of Foreign Affairs is hereby directed to formulate the additional implementing guidelines that may be necessary to effect this Order. *Provided*, that all provisions and guidelines that have financial implications are properly coordinated with the Secretary of Budget and Management.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 254
CREATING THE PHILIPPINE GAS PROJECT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy;

WHEREAS, natural gas deposits of at least 2.5 trillion cubic feet discovered in offshore Malampaya/Camago by Service Contractors under Service Contract No. 38 (Shell Exploration B. V. and Occidental Philippines, Inc.) potentially represent the country's largest indigenous source of fossil fuel;

WHEREAS, the Government is committed to pursue the development and utilization of the Malampaya/Camago gas reserves for power generation through a Philippine Gas Project with the end in view of providing a long-term market for the gas, which potential resource level is projected to supply 400 million standard cubic feet of gas per day equivalent to 3,000 megawatts of baseload generating capacity;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Gas Project (PGP) shall involve operations consisting of the development of the Malampaya/Camago gas field, and the development and construction of offshore production pipeline systems from the offshore production area to onshore gas-fired power plants and other target markets;

WHEREAS, the critical nature of the PGP necessitates the creation of an ad hoc, multi-agency body that will ensure a unified and coordinated effort towards achieving the goals of the PGP;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the Philippine Gas Project Task Force, hereinafter referred to as the Gas Task Force:

SECTION 1. Composition. – The Gas Task Force shall be composed of the Secretary of Energy, as Chairman, and as members, the heads of the following agencies or their duly designated alternates with the rank of Undersecretary or its equivalent rank:

- a. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources;
- b. Department of Finance;
- c. Department of Interior and Local Governments;
- d. Energy Regulatory Board
- e. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council;
- f. National Economic and Development Authority;
- g. National Power Corporation;
- h. Office of the President
- i. PNOC Exploration Corporation;
- j. Two (2) representatives from relevant private sector entities, to be appointed by the President.

The Gas Task Force may create such inter-agency subcommittees as may be necessary to fulfill its mandate. The Gas Task Force may also call upon any department, agency or instrumentality of the Government for assistance. It shall also have the authority to hire the services of technical consultants of proven and internationally recognized expertise in natural gas technology as may be deemed necessary.

The Department of Energy (DOE) shall provide the technical, administrative and secretariat support to the Gas Task Force.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions. The Gas Task Force shall:

- a. conduct studies to determine the appropriate options for the long-term markets of Malampaya/Camago gas;
- b. formulate action plans and work programs necessary and appropriate to attain the objects of the PGP;
- c. coordinate the implementation of component work programs of the PGP;
- d. monitor and review the issues and concerns affecting or which may affect the timely and efficient implementation of the PGP;
- e. identify and/or formulate policy measures to address such issues and concerns;
- f. enhance collaboration among agencies of the Government in ensuring concerted/congruent efforts towards meeting the goals of the PGP;
- g. monitor, coordinate and ensure compliance with existing government rules and regulations;
- h. conduct periodic public consultations with appropriate local government units and other concerned sector of communities which may be affected by the PGP;
- i. perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary and incidental to the implementation of the PGP.

SEC. 3. Funds. – The funding requirements to carry out the mandate of the Gas Task Force shall be chargeable against the savings from the appropriations of the DOE for the first year of implementation of this Order. Funds for succeeding years shall be chargeable against the regular appropriations of the DOE.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of **June**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 255
FINAL EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF SAMAR ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE

WHEREAS, Samar Island Development Project Office (SIDPO) was created by Executive Order No. 397 dated April 3, 1990;

WHEREAS, the term of SIDPO was extended up to July 3, 1995 by virtue of Executive Order No. 233 on March 31, 1995 for the purpose of winding up its affairs and to effect a smooth turn over of its assets and liabilities to the Office of the President as provided for in Section 6 of Executive Order No. 397;

WHEREAS, the time allotted for winding up of its affairs under Executive Order No. 233 fell within the election period which prevented the local executives concerned from completing the successful turn over of the project;

WHEREAS, in order to implement Section 6 of the Executive Order No 397, there is need to further extend the term of SIDPO;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The term of the Samar Island Development Project Office is extended for a final and non-extendible period of up to December 31, 1995. The Finance Office and a Commission on Audit representative of the Office of the President are hereby directed to closely monitor, and supervise the winding up of SIDPO's affairs and the turn over of its assets and liabilities to ensure that the same are accomplished before the end of the term.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 256
REVISING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 58, S. 1987, BY RATIONALIZING THE
FEES AND CHARGES ON FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, SPARE PARTS,
ACCESSORIES, COMPONENTS, EXPLOSIVES, EXPLOSIVE
INGREDIENTS, PYROTECHNICS AND FIRECRACKERS

WHEREAS, the current rates of fees and charges being collected by the Firearms and Explosives Office of the Philippine National Police on firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories, components, explosives, explosive ingredients, pyrotechnics, and firecrackers are not sufficient to cover administrative costs and other expenses incurred for the services rendered in connection therewith;

WHEREAS, the revision of the rates of existing fees and other charges on firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories, components, explosives, explosive ingredients, pyrotechnics, and firecrackers and the imposition of new ones will provide the necessary financial support to meet the increasing administrative and service costs of regulation by the Firearms and Explosives Office of the Philippine National Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rates of license/registration/permit fees, other charges and penal/administrative fines relative to firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories, components, explosives, explosive ingredients, pyrotechnics, and firecrackers shall be as follows:

A. FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, SPARE PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND COMPONENTS:

1	Annual Firearm License Fees	Rates
a)	Air Pistol/Rifle	P100.00
b)	Rifle Cal. 22 or lower	150.00
c)	Shotgun (All Gauges)	175.00
d)	Pistol/Revolver Cal. 22 (Ordinary)	200.00
e)	Pistol/Revolver Cal. 25; .32; .38; .380; 9mm; 7.65; 6.35; and Magnum .22 Rimfire	300.00
f)	Pistol/Revolver Cal. .357; 41; .44; .45; and Magnum Cal. 22 Centerfire	350.00
g)	High-Powered Rifle/Sub-machine gun	500.00
h)	Any extra slide/barrel or conversion kit shall be assessed a corresponding license fee amounting to fifty (50) percent of the rate for said caliber.	
i)	Government employees, whose basic monthly salaries as reflected in their latest pay slips do not exceed P5,000 and retirees, whose monthly pensions do not exceed the same amount based on their latest pension slips, shall pay a firearm license fee of P150 only, regardless of the caliber of the firearm licensed to them.	

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- j) The cost of the license card is not included in the license fee being paid annually and must be shouldered by the licensee.
2. Registration Fee
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| a) Reloading Machine | P 3,000.00 |
| b) Bullet Proof Vest and Vestments | 800.00 |
- The above amounts are one-time registration fees imposable and payable for items registered pursuant to this Executive Order.
3. Permit Fee to Import Firearms, Ammunition, Spare Parts, Accessories, and Components for commercial purposes.
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| a) Firearms | P 10.00 per firearm payable upon arrival in the Philippines |
| b) Ammunition | 0.05/pc. |
| c) Components - Shells | 0.01/pc. |
| - Primers | 0.01/pc. |
| - Gunpowder | 0.25/pc. |
| d) Spare Parts – Barrels/Frames/Slides | 5.00/pc. |
| e) Reloading Machine and its accessories | 1,000.00 |
| f) Bullet-proof Vests and Vestments | 500.00 |
4. Storage Fee (Monthly) P 100.00/sqm
5. Permit Fee to Transport Firearms / Ammunition (Monthly)
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| a) Gun Club (Quarterly) | P 300.00/FA |
| b) Hunting Permit (Quarterly) | 300.00/FA |
| c) Security Agencies | 50.00/permit |
| d) Repair or change of residence | 50.00/permit |
6. Records Authentication P 20.00/copy
7. Permit Fee to Carry Firearm Outside of Residence (PTCFOR) P 2,000.00
8. Permit Fee to Hold Competition
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| a) Invitational | P 1,000.00 |
| b) National | 2,000.00 |
- No fee shall be imposed, however, on PNSA-sponsored/accredited competitions.
9. Permit Fee for Authority to Display Firearms (Annual) P 1,000.00 per branch
10. Administrative Fines for Loss of Firearms covered by Special Permit (SP) or Certificate of Registration (CR)
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| a) Rifle Cal. 22 | P 500.00 |
| b) Shotgun (All Gauges) | 700.00 |
| c) Pistol / Revolver Cal. 22 (Ordinary) | 800.00 |
| d) Pistol / Revolver Cal. .25; .32; .38; .380; 9mm; 7.65; 6.35 and Magnum Cal. .22 Rimfire | 900.00 |
| e) Pistol/Revolver Cal. .357; .41; .45; and Magnum Cal. .22 Centerfire | 1,000.00 |
| f) High-Powered Rifle / Sub-Machine Gun | 1,000.00 |
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11. The firearm bond for firearms covered by Regular License (RL) in the amount equivalent to the following administrative fines shall be deposited as a cash bond with any duly designated bank(s) with extensive network in the country capable of servicing the licensed firearms holders nationwide. The corresponding bond certificate shall be surrendered by the applicant/licensee to the Firearms and Explosives Office, which shall be forfeited in favor of the Philippine National Police if and when a particular firearm is reported lost and/or the license is revoked.

a) Rifle Cal. 22	P 500.00
b) Shotgun (All Gauges)	700.00
c) Pistol/Revolver Cal. 22 (Ordinary)	800.00
d) Pistol/Revolver Cal. .25; .32; .38; .380; 9mm; 7.65; 6.35 and Magnum Cal. .22 Rimfire	900.00
e) Pistol/Revolver Cal. .357; .41; .44; .45; and Magnum Cal. .22 Centerfire	1,000.00
f) High-Powered Rifle/Sub-Machine Gun	1,000.00
12. Seminar Fee for Gun Safety and Responsibility	P 300.00

B. EXPLOSIVES AND EXPLOSIVE INGREDIENTS:

1. Permit Fee to Unload	
a) Explosives / Explosive Ingredients in solid form	P .025/kg
b) Explosive / Explosive Ingredients in liquid form	.02/liter
c) Detonating cords, safety fuses	.01/mtr
d) Blasting caps, connector	.01/pc
2. Permit Fee to Import Explosives / Explosive Ingredients (per application)	P 300.00
3. Permit Fee to Purchase Explosives / Explosives Ingredients (per application)	P 300.00
4. Permit Fee to Transport Pyrotechnics / Firecrackers (per application)	P 300.00

SEC. 2. The Philippine National Police is hereby authorized to impose the following fees for licenses, issued in connection with the manufacture, importation and sale of firearms, ammunition, explosives, explosive ingredients, pyrotechnics and firecrackers, as well as the licenses of indentors, firearm, repair shops, foremen, and purchasers of explosives and explosive ingredients.

A. FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, SPARE PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND COMPONENTS:

	License (Annual)	Rate
1	Dealer's License License authorizing the conduct of general business such as importation, purchase, possession, sale and transfer of firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories and components. This includes the Air Gun Dealer's License (no. 7).	P 2,500.00
2.	Manufacturer's License License authorizing the conduct of general business such as manufacture of firearms, ammunition (load/reload), spare parts, accessories and components. This includes the Air Gun Manufacturer's License (no. 8).	10,000.00
3.	Indentor's License License authorizing the indent of firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories and components.	2,000.00

	License (Annual)	Rate
4.	License to Repair Firearms License authorizing the conduct of repair of firearms.	2,000.00
5.	Repairman's License	500.00
6.	Recognition of Gun Club A one-time accreditation fee of a duly registered and recognized gun club. On each succeeding year, the duly recognized gun club will renew recognition by submitting the list of its members and shall pay the corresponding fee of P100.00 per member in good standing.	2,500.00
7.	Air Gun Dealer's License License authorizing the conduct of general business, such as importation, purchase, possession, sale and transfer of airguns.	1,500.00
8.	Air Gun Manufacturer's License License authorizing the conduct of general business, such as the manufacture of air guns, spare parts, accessories and components.	3,000.00
9.	License to Deal in Spare Parts, Accessories and Components License authorizing the conduct of general business, such as importation, sale and transfer of spare parts, accessories and components excluding barrels, slides, and frames which are already covered by the Dealer's License (no. 1).	1,500.00
10.	Accreditation of Firing Range	
	a) Commercial: initial fee	P 5,000.00
	every renewal	2,500.00
	b) Private: initial fee	P 2,500.00
	every renewal	1,000.00
	Firing ranges owned by the government shall be exempt from the payment of this accreditation fee.	

B. EXPLOSIVES AND EXPLOSIVE INGREDIENTS:

1.	Dealer's License License authorizing the importation, purchase, possession, sale, transfer, and general conduct of business handling gunpower, dynamite, explosives or their ingredients.	P 2,500.00
2.	Manufacturer's License License authorizing the manufacture of gunpowder, dynamite, explosives or their ingredients.	10,000.00
3.	Purchaser's License License authorizing the purchase and possession of dynamite, explosives or their ingredients for use of mines, quarries, road construction, wrecking or for use in any other legal and lawful occupation.	1,000.00
4.	Foreman's / Blaster's License License authorizing the purchase and possession of dynamite, explosives or their ingredients by workmen in mines, quarries, road construction, wrecking or for use in any other legal and lawful public or private work. Licensee must be a qualified blaster or must be technically qualified to handle explosives.	500.00

C. PYROTECHNICS AND FIRECRACKERS:

1	Manufacturer's License	P 2,500.00
	License authorizing the manufacture of pyrotechnics and firecrackers.	
2.	Dealer's License	500.00
	License authorizing the purchase, possession, sale, transfer, and general conduct of business involving firecrackers and pyrotechnics.	

SEC. 3. The Firearms and Explosives Office shall retain twenty percent (20%) of the total collections for firearms and explosives fees and charges to fund the direct operational expenses of the FEO other than what is provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and other law enforcement agencies, shall be exempted from paying the firearms license fees provided for in this Order. All other government agencies and instrumentalities which, by the nature of their jobs, are considered to be revenue-earning entities shall pay the necessary firearm license fees and administrative fines provided herein for the firearms used by them in performing functions/duties inherent in the mission and organization of the agencies concerned.

SEC. 5. Private Security Agencies (PASs) and Company Guard Forces (CGFs) shall be allowed to pay the cash bond for their existing firearms on a staggered basis over a period of five (5) years from the date of the effectivity of this Order, provided, however, that such payments to be made shall be in equal amounts each year and provided further that upon the effectivity of this Order, Private Security Agencies and Company Guard Forces, purchasing or acquiring new firearms shall pay the corresponding cash bond in a maximum of four (4) installments over a period of one (1) year.

SEC. 6. The Office of the President may issue exemptions from the payment of the fee for the issuance of permits to carry firearm outside residence (PTFCOR) under such rules or guidelines as it may promulgate.

SEC. 7. No firearm application shall be approved by the FEO, PNP without a certificate of attendance by the applicant in a seminar covering gun safety, responsibility, laws, regulations and other pertinent topics.

SEC. 8. The Chief, Philippine National Police (PNP), shall promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to the implementation of this Executive Order, subject to the approval of the Office of the President.

SEC. 9. The Executive Order shall take effect on January 1, 1996 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. The rates and charges provided under this Executive Order shall be subject to periodic review to reflect any changes in the cost of operations, consumer prices and technology.

SEC. 10. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 257
CREATING A PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT
THE PHILIPPINE SUPPLEMENT TO THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN JOURNAL

WHEREAS, the government fully recognizes the role of science and technology in economic development;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to promote the Philippines as a site of investment for technology-intensive industries;

WHEREAS, the Scientific American Journal is an excellent medium for the promotion of the country's science and technology sector;

WHEREAS, the publication of a Philippine supplement in the Journal will provide a positive image of the science and technology base on selected areas and the favorable experience of technology-intensive industries which have been able to achieve excellence and world class operations in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct and order, as follows:

SECTION 1. A Project Coordinating Committee to implement the Philippine supplement of the Scientific American Journal is hereby created. The Committee shall be constituted with the following:

Chairman	Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
Co-Chairman	Secretary, Department of Science and Technology
Members	Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs
	Secretary, Department of Tourism
	President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry

SEC. 2. The above committee is authorized to draw and use any funds available from their respective budgets, which shall not exceed TEN MILLION PESOS (₱10,000,000.00) to defray the cost of the project.

SEC. 3. The committee shall likewise prepare the necessary guidelines for the effective implementation of this Executive Order. The guidelines shall require the submission of periodic reports to the Office of the President.

SEC. 4. All existing Executive Orders, Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of **July**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 258

ESTABLISHING AND DELINEATING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OVER WATERSHEDS AND RESERVATIONS UNDER THE FORMER'S JURISDICTION AND CONTROL, AND RESTORING TO THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER THE ANGAT WATERSHED RESERVATION

WHEREAS, Section 3(n) of Republic Act No. 6395 vests in the National Power Corporation (NPC) "*complete jurisdiction and control over watershed areas surrounding the reservoirs of plants and/or projects constructed or proposed to be constructed by*" the NPC;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 192 (1987) declares the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as the "*sole agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's natural resources within forest lands including watershed reservations;*"

WHEREAS, NPC continues to have jurisdiction over watershed areas adverted to in Section 3(n) of Republic Act No. 6395 as Executive Order No. 192 is a general law while the former is a special law;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 224 (1987) recognizes NPC's jurisdiction over said watershed areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish and delineate the respective responsibilities of the NPC and DENR over watersheds/reservations under the former's jurisdiction and control, for purposes of effective and closer policy and program coordination between said entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby order as follows:

Section 1. Without limiting NPC's jurisdiction and control over watersheds and reservations as adverted to in Sec. 3(n) of Republic Act No. 6395, as amended, and Executive Order No. 224 (1987), the responsibilities of NPC and DENR with respect to said watersheds and reservations are hereby established, in order to assure effective and closer policy and program coordination:

NPC shall:

1. Prepare, in consultation with the DENR and other concerned agencies, comprehensive management, protection, development and rehabilitation plans and programs for said watersheds and reservations which shall include the resettlement and/or relocation of occupants/settlers thereof;
2. Enforce forestry and other pertinent laws as well as rules and regulations implementing the same within said watersheds and reservations;

3. Confiscate and take custody of forest products illegally cut, harvested or collected from said watersheds and reservations and dispose of the same through appropriate disposal procedures under existing laws, rules and regulations;
4. Identify areas within such watersheds and reservations requiring immediate rehabilitation and development;
5. Formulate and implement measures to promote the protection, development, rehabilitation and conservation of the forest cover and prevent siltation of existing reservoirs;
6. Establish and manage tree farms / industrial forest plantations in said watersheds and reservations for the production of electric line poles;
7. Secure appropriate clearance from the DENR before allowing any cutting, harvesting and utilization of timber and other forest products from said watersheds and reservations;
8. Undertake public education and information drives to create awareness among the populace on the importance of forest resources and watersheds; and
9. Conduct watershed characterization surveys and undertake other activities that will ensure the effective management, protection, development and rehabilitation of said watersheds and reservations.

DENR shall:

1. Assist NPC in the formulation and implementation of comprehensive plans and programs relative to the management, protection, development and rehabilitation of said watersheds and reservations;
2. Assign technical advisory teams to assist NPC in the management, protection, development and rehabilitation of said watersheds and reservations;
3. Provide technical assistance to NPC in the establishment and development of tree farms or industrial forest plantations within said watersheds and reservations;
4. Assist NPC in the conduct of public education and information drives to create awareness among the populace on the importance of forest resources and watersheds; and
5. Provide technical assistance to NPC in the conduct of watershed characterization surveys.

Section 2. NPC's jurisdiction and control over the Angat Watershed Reservation is hereby restored. Accordingly, NPC shall be responsible for its management, protection, development and rehabilitation in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 3(n) of Republic Act No. 6395, as amended, Sec. 2 of Executive Order No. 224 and the preceding Section.

Section 3. Executive Order No. 162 (1994) is hereby revoked. Any and all orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 10th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 259

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175 DATED APRIL 30, 1994,
AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223 DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1995 AND
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 229 DATED MARCH 19, 1995, WHICH CREATED
A NORTHWESTERN LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE COMMISSION

I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the amendment of Executive Order No. 175 dated April 30, 1994 as amended by Executive Order No. 223 dated February 7, 1995 and Executive Order No. 229 dated March 19, 1995, as follows:

The First WHEREAS Clause is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**WHEREAS**, The Medium Term Philippine Development Plan for 1993-1998 has identified the development of the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NWLQG) comprising the provinces of Region 1 and the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Samblan-Tuba (BLIST) area in Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) as a component strategy towards agri-industrial development;”

The Third WHEREAS Clause is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**WHEREAS**, the coordinative and management mechanism for the planning, implementation and monitoring of the NWLGQ was already approved by the Regional Development Council (RDC) I and the government’s decentralization and regionalization policy as provided under Executive Order Nos. 363 and 505;”

SECTION 1. Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC 1. NWLGQ Commission.** There is hereby created under the Office of the President, a Presidential Commission to be called the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle Commission (NWLQG), hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall be responsible for the overall policy direction, coordination and supervision of the entire NWLGQ development efforts. It shall be composed of the following members:

Secretary of Trade and Industry
CORDs for Region I and CAR
Secretary of Tourism
Secretary of Agriculture

Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources
Secretary of Transportation and Communication
Secretary of Public Works and Highways
Secretary of Energy
Secretary of Budget and Management
NEDA Director General
The Presidential Assistant for Regional Development
The Chairman of Regional Development Council I
The Chairman of Cordillera Executive Board
The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Norte
The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Sur
The Provincial Governor of La Union
The Provincial Governor of Pangasinan
The Provincial Governor of Benguet
The City Mayor of Dagupan City
The City Mayor of Baguio City
The City Mayor of Laoag City
The Municipal Mayor of San Fernando, La Union
The PCCI Chairman of Region I
The PCCI Chairman of CAR
The BCDA Chairman
NGO Regional Federation Representative each for Regions 1 and CAR to be appointed by the President
The Executive Director of the Coordinating Council of the Philippine Assistance Program (CCPAP)

The Commission shall be chaired by the CORD for Region 1 and co-chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry and CORD for CAR.

The Commission shall have the following functions:

- a) Review and submit to the President for approval, the NWLGQ Master Plan and Development Program;
- b) Provide overall policy direction, coordination and monitoring of all program/project components and development activities of the NWLGQ Development Program in consultation and coordination with the Joint RDC-CEB Inter-Regional Consultative Council;
- c) Cause the preparation, update, refinement and endorsement of the NWLGQ plans, investment programs and projects within the context of the NWLGQ Master Plan and the Regional Development and Physical Framework Plans and Investment Programs of Regions I and CAR;
- d) Cause the preparation of feasibility studies for the financing of the various projects identified for the NWLGQ;
- e) Encourage the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in planning and implementing the various projects under the NWLGQ Development Program;
- f) Organize the Program Management Office (PMO), define its organizational set-up, establish its staffing pattern as well as internal operating systems and procedures;

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- g) Review and confirm contracts entered into by the Executive Director of the Program Management Office (PMO);
 - h) Review and endorse to the concerned implementing bodies (Central Offices) the annual budget of the North Quad Development Program to ensure that the funding requirements of the North Quad Programs/Projects approved by the RDC will form part of the concerned agencies' annual budget;
 - i) Review and endorse to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) the annual budget for the operations of the North Quad Commission/Program Management Office;
 - j) Submit to the President regular progress reports on the NWLGQ Development Program and such other reports as may be required;
 - k) To accept and manage grants, donations or any such funds for the development of the NWLGQ Program;
 - l) To negotiate for development funds to include ODA on a bilateral or multi-lateral basis in accordance with the existing rules and regulations;
 - m) To adopt rules, systems and procedures and structures which the Commission may deem fit to carry out its functions;
 - n) To mobilize private sector participation as the primary actor for the Quad development;
 - o) To conduct advocacy and investment promotion activities.

SEC 2. Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. Executive Committee (ExCom). There is hereby created a NWLGQ Executive Committee (ExCom) to supervise its day-to-day operations. The ExCom shall be comprised of not more than one third of the total membership of the fully-constituted Commission. The Commission shall appoint the members of the ExCom. The Chairman of the ExCom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission. The ExCom Chairman shall possess, among others, national and regional statute and perspective. All action/s undertaken by the ExCom shall be confirmed by the Commission proper.

The Executive Committee (ExCom) shall have the following functions:

- a) Evaluate and endorse to the Commission the North Quad Master Plan;
 - b) Monitor and submit reports on the progress of the North Quad Development Program (NQDP) and other required reports to the Commission;
 - c) Perform functions of the Commission and such other related functions as may be delegated by the Commission proper;
 - d) Evaluate and refine the North Quad Master Plan, considering other plans i.e. the Regional Development and Physical Framework Plans, and other plans and inputs of the LGUs, concerned entities and endorse to the Commission for approval and adoption;
 - e) Evaluate the annual investment program and annual budget of the NQDP and endorse it to the Commission for approval;
 - f) Prepare an action plan for the utilization of funds (grants, donations, etc.) for the development of the NQDP;
 - g) Initiate the negotiation for development funds to include ODA on a bilateral or multi-lateral basis;
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- h) Review and approve the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the conduct of feasibility studies on projects in the NQDP;
 - i) Review/evaluate the feasibility studies on various projects identified for the NQDP;
 - j) Endorse/present the feasibility studies to the Commission for adoption/final approval;
 - k) Evaluate and approve contracts entered into by the PMO and endorse the same to the Commission for confirmation;
 - l) Formulate related policies governing the NQDP in coordinating and monitoring of all program/project components and recommend to the Commission for approval and policy implementation;
 - m) Review all progress reports submitted by the PMO and other required reports for submission to the Commission;
 - n) Recommend to the Commission the organizational set-up, staffing pattern and internal operating system of the PMO and recruit applicants to the PMO;
 - o) Evaluate and endorse to the Commission the annual budget of the PMO; and
 - p) Formulate rules, systems and procedures and recommend to the Commission for adoption.”

SEC 3. Section 3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 3 Program Management Office.** The Program Management Office (PMO) shall serve as the implementing arm as well as technical and administrative secretariat of the Commission and its ExCom and as such, shall undertake the day to day activities of the NWLGQ Development Program. It shall be headed by an Executive Director to be appointed by the President. The DTI and NEDA Offices of Regions I and CAR shall provide technical and secretariat support to the Commission on an interim basis until such time that the staffing pattern for the PMO shall have been determined and approved by the Commission. Fiscal austerity will be observed strictly.

The Program Management Office shall perform the following functions:

- a) Coordinate with implementing bodies including local government units, line agencies, financing institutions, non-government organizations and other concerned entities in the updating, refinement, endorsement and implementation of the NWLGQ Master Plan and investment programs and projects;
 - b) Coordinate with the Local Development Councils (LDCs) in the implementation of policy decisions promulgated by the Commission;
 - c) Coordinate the preparation of feasibility studies or other related studies of the project components of the NWLGQ Development Program and the evaluation and financing of feasible projects;
 - d) Coordinate with the RDC on the preparation of the annual budgetary requirements of the programs/projects of the North Quad Development Program to ensure that the funding requirements of such will form part of the annual budget of the concerned implementing bodies and submit the same to the Commission through the ExCom;
 - e) Prepare the annual budget of the Commission for the latter’s approval;
 - f) Recommend to the ExCom the list of North Quad programs/projects that require funding for the implementation of the same;
 - g) Enter into contracts with the proper approval from the ExCom/Commission;
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- h) Undertake the day-to-day operations, to include securing the release, transfer, deposit of funds from the proper agency, and administering the funds of the North Quad Development Program, including the disbursements for proper expenses and payables;
 - i) Undertake periodic policy implementation review and evaluation of the NWLGQ Development Program and shall, for the purpose, design and operationalize the implementation, monitoring and evaluation system consistent with the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES);
 - j) Provide research and technical assistance to the Commission and the ExCom;
 - k) Provide day-to-day technical assistance to the Commission and the ExCom;
 - l) Develop and maintain a comprehensive management information system;
 - m) Conduct or coordinate trainings and other capability-building programs on areas of interest which are crucial to the activities of the Commission;
 - n) Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the Commission may direct.”

SEC. 4 Section 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. Role of the Implementing Bodies (National Line Agencies/Local Government Units, NGOs/PS, GOCCs). National line agencies in the region, government-owned and controlled corporations, local government units, non-government organizations/private sector shall, as appropriate, serve as implementing entities of the Commission for the North Quad Development Program related activities. In cases where national line agencies are designated as lead implementing entity, implementation shall be undertaken in close coordination with the Commission through the PMO and concerned LGUs.”

SEC. 5. Section 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5 Joint Inter-Regional Consultative Council. There is hereby created a Joint Inter-Regional Consultative Council which shall be composed of three (3) representatives from the Regional Development Council (RDC) and a counterpart group from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to be composed of three (3) representatives of the CEB, and three (3) representatives of Regional Line Agencies (RLAs) from each region whose Heads of Office are members of the NEDA Board all of whom shall be chosen from among themselves. The Joint Inter-Regional Consultative Council shall serve as the Commission’s Inter-Regional Advisory Group.

The Joint Inter-Regional Consultative Council shall have the following functions:

- a) To serve as the Commission’s inter-regional policy formulation group;
- b) To act on problems referred to it by the Commission on matters requiring inter-regional decision.”

SEC. 6. Section 6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 6. Role of Local Development Councils. The Local Development Councils of the program area shall perform the following functions:

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- a) Approve the respective local components of the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs under the NWLGQ Development Program;
 - b) Monitor and conduct periodic review (in accordance with the project program of work) of the local project component with respect to achievement of goals, objectives and targets of the NWLGQ Development Program;
 - c) Coordinate and facilitate the preparation of site specific development plans, programs and projects;
 - d) Coordinate the passage of municipal and/or provincial resolutions declaring the areas for industrial and tourism use, if not yet declared or classified as such;
 - e) Coordinate with the Provincial/Regional Land Use Committees and Sanggunians concerned on the review and approval of the land use and zoning plans of NWLGQ component sites;
 - f) Spearhead the coordination of area inter-agency activities within the area/province of jurisdiction on the implementation of the NWLGQ Development Program;
 - g) To perform advocacy and consultative role;
 - h) Perform such other functions as the PMO may request.”

SEC. 7. Section 7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. Advisory Council. There is hereby created an Advisory Council whose members are Senators and Congressmen from Region 1 and CAR and other concerned Secretaries and private sectors who are not members of the Commission.

Functions of the Advisory Council:

- a) To ensure the development goals, policies and programs formulated by the Commission are properly coordinated with the overall national goals, policies and programs;
- b) To provide national leadership in the investment promotion of the North Quad Development Program;
- c) To maintain liaison with Congress and central government offices and as necessary, arrange the needed support for North Quad Development Program projects from central agencies, including funding agencies.”

SEC. 8. Section 8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. Operational Requirements Appropriations for the year 1996 and the succeeding years for the operations of the PMO shall be incorporated in the budget of the Office of the President.”

SEC. 9. Section 9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. The Term of the Commission and the Program Management Office. The Commission and Program Management Office shall have a term corresponding to the implementation period of the NWLGQ Development Program. The NEDA Board, through its Secretariat, is hereby directed to conduct an annual review and evaluation of the management and coordinating structures of the Commission and the Project Management Office.

Recommendations and revisions, if any, shall be submitted to the President for approval not later than the last working day of January of the following year.”

SEC. 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1th day of July, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 260
ADJUSTING THE DIVIDEND RATES OF SELECTED GOVERNMENT OWNED
AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS ON THEIR 1994 EARNINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7656

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7656 provides that;

“Section 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State that in order for the National Government (NG) to realize additional revenues, government owned and/or controlled corporations, without impairing their viability and the purposes for which they have been established, shall share a substantial amount of their net earnings to the National Government (NG).”

WHEREAS, to support the viability and mandate of the government owned and/or controlled corporations (GOCCs), the liquidity, retained earnings position and medium-term plan and programs of these GOCCs were considered in the determination of the reasonable dividend rates of such corporations on their 1994 net earnings;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of RA 7656, the Secretary of Finance recommended the adjustment on the percentage of annual net earnings that shall be declared by various government owned and/or controlled corporations in the interest of national economy and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order.

SECTION 1. The percentage of net earnings to be declared and remitted by the following government owned and/or controlled corporations as dividends to the National Government (NG) as provided for under Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7656 is adjusted from at least fifty percent (50%) to the rates specified therein:

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| 1. Land Bank of the Philippines | 30% (cash) |
| 2. Manila International Airport Authority | 20% (cash) |
| 3. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System | 30% (cash) |
| 4. National Electrification Administration | 15% (cash) |
| 5. Philippine Center for Economic Development | 25% (cash) |
| 6. Public Estates Authority | 20% (cash) |

In the case of Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC), a 50% dividend rate should be applied on its net earnings after deducting the remittance made to NG from the PETRON privatization proceeds equivalent to 50% thereof under Executive Order No. 37; provided further that said dividend should be paid in cash.

SEC. 2. The adjusted dividend rates provided for under Section 1 are only applicable on 1994 net earnings of the concerned government owned and/or controlled corporations.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 260-A
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 260 ENTITLED “ADJUSTING THE DIVIDEND RATES
OF SELECTED GOVERNMENT OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS ON
THEIR 1994 EARNINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7656”

I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Section 1 of Executive Order No. 260 dated July 14, 1995 entitled “Adjusting the Dividend Rates of Selected Government Owned and/or Controlled Corporations on their 1994 Earnings Pursuant to Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7656” by adjusting the dividend rate of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System from thirty (30%) percent to twenty (20%) percent.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 261
CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION,
PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, the government recognizes that the opportunities for full participation in development and equality of persons with disabilities, particularly in the field of employment, continue to be far less than those available to their able-bodied peers;

WHEREAS, with such recognition and by virtue of the Philippines' membership in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), Proclamation No. 125 has been issued to commence the nationwide observance of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (1993-2002);

WHEREAS, the Eighth Congress of the Philippines, in its Third Regular Session, ratified ILO Convention No. 159 which promotes employment opportunities for all categories of disabled persons based on the principles of equal opportunity and treatment;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, was signed into law on 24 March 1992 with specific provisions for their employment; and

WHEREAS, efforts from both the public and private sectors must be coordinated and intensified to give meaning and substance to the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and other relevant laws on employment to facilitate their integration into the mainstream of society, in general, and the labor force, in particular;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a Committee on Employment Promotion, Protection and Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, hereinafter referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary of Labor and Employment with the following members:

1. Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development;
2. Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports;
3. Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry;
4. Secretary of the Department of Health;
5. Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government;
6. Chairman of the Civil Service Commission;
7. Director General of the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center;
8. Executive Director of the Employees' Compensation Commission;
9. Director General of the Philippine Information Agency;
10. Executive Director of the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons;
11. President of the Katipunan ng May Kapansanan sa Pilipinas, Inc.;
12. Two (2) representatives of Employers' groups;

13. Two (2) representatives of the Labor sector; and
14. Three (3) representatives of NGOs for the impaired/disabled.

SEC. 2. The Committee shall have the following functions:

1. To coordinate and monitor the implementation of and compliance with the employment provisions of the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, and other relevant laws;
2. To develop, coordinate and implement a continuing program of public information and education designed to provide increased employment opportunities for persons with disabilities;
3. To foster, strengthen and ensure cooperation among all government agencies, private organizations and individuals, in collaboration with the International Labor Organization in the enhancement of employment of persons with disabilities by promoting the alignment of their policies and programs with the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and other relevant laws;
4. To identify, formulate and advocate legislative and administrative measures and policies designed to promote, protect and uplift the welfare and employment of persons with disabilities; and
5. To promote and assist in the conduct of relevant studies and researches on vocational rehabilitation, occupational safety and health, and in the conduct of awareness-raising and advocacy, particularly those pertaining to equalization of opportunities and participation of persons with disabilities in national development.

SEC. 3. The Committee, through the Chairperson, shall make a periodic report of its activities to the President.

SEC. 4. The Bureau of Local Employment of the Department of Labor and Employment shall serve as the Committee's Secretariat and liaison/coordinating arm with Congress and other government agencies.

SEC. 5. All participating government agencies shall include in their respective Annual Work and Financial Plans the necessary budget for the implementation of this Order.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect upon its signing.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 262

Based on the records available on file and in the possession of Malacañang Records Office, Executive Order No. 262 of Presidential Issuances of Fidel V. Ramos was certified by their office as a reserved number and that no original copy of this issuance was forwarded and released to them.

Malacañang Records Office. (2015). *[Memorandum: certification and official count of Presidential Issuances]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 263

ADOPTING COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AS THE NATIONAL STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S FORESTLANDS RESOURCES AND PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution provides for the protection and advancement of the right of the Filipino people, both men and women, to a healthful and balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 10 provides for the promotion of social justice to all citizens in all phases of national development;

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 17 mandates the State to recognize and respect the rights of the indigenous peoples to their ancestral domains and consider their customs, traditions and beliefs in the formulation of laws and policies;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 192, series of 1987, mandates the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as the primary government agency responsible for the sustainable management and development of the country's natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Philippines 2000 and the government's Social Reform Agenda support people empowerment and the full, meaningful and indispensable participation of communities as immediate stakeholders of the forestlands resources in the protection and management of the forest ecosystem;

WHEREAS, the 25-year Master Plan for Forestry Development also recognizes the indispensable role of local communities in forest protection, rehabilitation, development and management, and targets the protection, rehabilitation, management, and utilization of at least 4 million hectares of forestlands, through the community-based forest management strategy;

WHEREAS, entrusting the responsibility for forest rehabilitation, protection, and conservation to the community of stakeholders and affording them equitable access to the forest and coastal resources are viable forestland management strategies as borne by the experience of the DENR and various supporting agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. Community-based forest management (herein referred to as CBFM) shall be the national strategy to achieve sustainable forestry and social justice.

SEC. 2. The DENR, through its Community and Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Offices, in coordination with the local government units and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall, at all times, take into account the needs and aspirations of local communities whose livelihood depends on the forestlands.

SEC. 3. Participating organized communities may be granted access to the forestland resources under long term tenurial agreements, provided they employ environment-friendly, ecologically-sustainable, and labor-intensive harvesting methods. Such harvesting methods shall be mentioned

under a site-specific management plan of each recipient community and duly approved by the DENR.

SEC. 4. The indigenous peoples may participate in the implementation of CBFM activities in recognition of their rights to their ancestral domains and land rights and claims.

SEC. 5. A CBFM Steering Committee shall be created immediately and headed by the DENR with members from the Departments of Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Agrarian Reform, Finance, Science and Technology, Labor and Employment, Interior and Local Government, Budget and Management, National Defense and Justice; National Economic Development and Authority; Philippine Commission on Countrywide Development under the Office of the President, Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects of the Office of the President; Presidential Management Staff under the Office of the President; Cooperative Development Authority, and Offices of Northern and Southern Cultural Communities. The Committee may invite representatives from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Philippine Wood Products Association, NGO coalition groups, and other public and private organizations to become members of the Steering Committee. The Committee shall formulate and develop policy guidelines that will create incentives and conditions necessary to effectively carry out community-based forest management strategy. Accordingly, members of the CBFM Steering Committee should, at least, be represented by concerned Assistant Secretaries or heads of bureaus and agencies.

SEC. 6. The DENR shall work with local governments, people's organizations (POs), non-government organizations (NGOs), religious groups, business and industry, and other concerned organizations to ensure that communities are empowered to initiate and achieve the objectives of this Order.

SEC. 7. In its budget preparation, the DENR shall allot adequate funds to effectively accomplish CBFM targets and shall seek supplementary funding from local and foreign supporting agencies and organizations. DENR shall also ensure the inclusion of budgetary allocation for CBFM in the annual General Appropriations Act, pending the passage of the revised Forestry Code.

SEC. 8. The DENR shall establish a Community-based Forest Management Special Account (CBFMSA) to support the implementation of the strategy and provide financial and professional incentive system for deserving communities and government personnel.

SEC. 9. The DENR may source local and international grants and donations for the establishment of the CBFM Special Account. Other sources of fund may later be determined by the CBFM Steering Committee subject to existing government regulations.

SEC. 10. The DENR shall support and set up jointly with relevant colleges and universities, private and public organizations, arrangements for a community forestry training program for members of participating units, such as people's organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, and other government personnel.

SEC. 11. Within six months after the signing of this Order, the DENR, in consultation with government financial institutions, such as the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), GSIS and the SSS, shall effect the creation of favorable financing mechanisms for access by communities and organizations in the pursuit of the CBFM strategy and its sub-strategies such as community training and empowerment, enterprise development, agroforestry development, tree plantations, and other non-forest-based alternative livelihood systems.

SEC. 12. The DENR Secretary shall issue new rules, regulations, procedures, and guidelines necessary to implement this Order and repeal or modify existing ones consistent with the policies set forth by the CBFM Steering Committee.

SEC. 13. The DENR Secretary shall, within six months from the signing of this Order, submit to the Office of the President, a National Comprehensive Community Forestry Action Plan, which embodies the Department's short, medium and long-term plans. The action plan shall be discussed and approved by the CBFM Steering Committee prior to its submission to the President.

SEC. 14. All previous executive and administrative issuances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed or amended accordingly.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 264

**MODIFYING THE NOMENCLATURE AND THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON
CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND
CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978 (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464), AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), 1993-1998 focuses on global competitiveness and people empowerment as the twin strategy towards achieving sustainable economic and human development;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve global competitiveness, the said Plan stipulates that the government should continue to undertake the import liberalization and tariff reform programs towards achieving a structure which approximates uniform effective levels of trade and industrial protection across various sectors of the economy;

WHEREAS, during the Economic Caucus held on 22 July 1993 and the People's Economic Summit on 8 September 1993, it was agreed to further liberalize trade policy through tariff reform and import liberalization;

WHEREAS, as declared in the State of the Nation Address delivered on 25 July 1994, the government "will continue, if not accelerate, the program to reduce tariffs until these reach one uniform rate" to improve the competitiveness of local industries;

WHEREAS, the reduction in tariff levels and in the spread of tariff rates towards a uniform level of protection across all sectors will promote global competitiveness, simplify the tariff structure for ease of customs administration and provide a level playing field for local manufacturers vis-a-vis foreign competition;

WHEREAS, Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978 (Presidential Decree No. 1464), as amended, empowers the President to increase, reduce or remove existing protective rates of import duty, as well as to modify the form of duty upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, NEDA Resolution No. 3 (s. 1995) dated 14 February 1995 unanimously approved the adoption by the Philippines of the 1992 amendments to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be subject to the rates of import duty in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex "A".

SECTION 2. A two-tiered tariff structure of 3% and 10%, for raw materials and finished products, respectively, as listed in Annex "A" hereof, shall be fully implemented by 1 January 2003. The details of such tariff structure shall be prepared and submitted to the President by NEDA in accordance with Section 401 of the same Code.

SECTION 3. Starting 1 January 2004, a uniform rate of 5% ad valorem shall be imposed on said articles.

SECTION 4. The nomenclature and the rates of import duty on tariff headings not enumerated and those listed but represented by the symbol “xxx” in the aforesaid Annex “A” shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 5. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles specifically listed in the aforesaid Annex “A” which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 6. The provisions of Executive Order 204 (s. 1994) and all other Presidential issuances, administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Executive Order shall take effect 30 days following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex “A”

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 265

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 315, AS AMENDED, THEREBY TRANSFERRING AND RATIONALIZING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON THE BATAAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Book II of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President “in order to achieve simplicity, economy and efficiency;”

WHEREAS, the Presidential Committee on the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) was created under Executive Order No. 315 dated 04 January 1988, as amended by Executive Order No. 13 dated 19 August 1992, to oversee, supervise and coordinate all legal claims and options, loans and financial obligations, and maintenance and preservation, including the disposition or liquidation of all assets relating to BNPP;

WHEREAS, the Committee has fully implemented and enforced all legal claims and actions relating to BNPP other than the pendency of the appellate proceeding in the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the anticipated ruling of the Arbitral Tribunal in the International Chamber of Commerce;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 55, s. of 1986, as amended by Executive Order No. 98, s. of 1986, transferred the ownership of the BNPP, its equipment, materials, facilities records and uranium fuel from the National Power Corporation to the National Government or its duly designated agency, subject to such obligations as may be legally enforceable against the National Government;

WHEREAS, with the creation of the Department of Energy under Republic Act No. 7638 and the existing government agencies, there is a need to rationalize the various powers and functions of the Presidential Committee on the BNPP to such agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 315 s. of 1988, as amended by Executive Order No. 13, s. of 1992, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. *Name and Function.* – The Presidential Committee on the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) shall be the coordinating and policy-making body on the BNPP, including policies arising from negotiations for a fair commercial settlement of all pending legal claims that will provide a substantial net benefit to the country. The Committee shall submit its recommendations on BNPP-related policies to the President for approval.”

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Executive Order 315, s. of 1988, as amended, is hereby modified to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. *Composition.* – The Committee shall be composed of the Secretary of Energy as Chairman, the Secretary of Finance as Vice-Chairman, both in an ex-officio capacity, and the Secretary of Budget and Management, Secretary of Trade and Industry, Chairman of Presidential Commission on Good Government, Governor of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Solicitor General, President of National Power Corporation, and President of the Philippine National Oil Company, as Members.”

SEC. 3. Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Executive Order No. 315, s. of 1988, as amended, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *Transfer and Rationalization of Powers and Functions.* – To ensure continuity, economy and efficiency and to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts, the following powers and functions of the Committee are hereby devolved and transferred to the following government agencies:

The Office of the Solicitor General shall have primary supervisory responsibility for the enforcement of all claims and or legal options relative to the BNPP. Funds from the Contingent Fund of the Office of the President, National Power Corporation and any other Fund which the President may authorize shall provide the necessary funding requirements to support and discharge effectively this transfer, subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

- b. The National Power Corporation, in coordination with the Department of Energy for policy direction, shall continue as the caretaker of the BNPP, undertaking the necessary and requisite preservation and maintenance therefor pursuant to Executive Order No. 55, s. of 1986, as amended with the expenditures necessarily connected thereto to be shouldered by the National Government for which purpose there shall likewise be an annual appropriation of such sums out of the General Fund in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The National Power Corporation is further directed to supervise and coordinate the disposition and liquidation of any unserviceable property at the BNPP and to use the funds generated therefrom to support its caretaker's operations.
- c. The Department of Energy shall have primary responsibility to coordinate and implement the policy directive proclaimed on May 27, 1993 to rationalize and integrate the country's energy program taking into consideration the conversion of BNPP into a non-nuclear power plant.

The Department of Finance shall have primary responsibility for the monitoring and coordination of the restructuring, whenever legally enforceable, of all loans and financial obligations relating to BNPP.

In coordination with the Department of Energy, the Committee on Privatization shall supervise and monitor the disposition and liquidation of the BNPP assets, structures, equipment, spare parts, uranium fuel, and other related items, which will not be needed and utilized for the conversion of the BNPP into a non-nuclear power plant.

SEC. 5. *Secretariat.* – The Secretary of Energy is hereby directed to constitute a Secretariat which shall provide all the necessary staff support to the Committee.

For purposes of continuity and economy, saving generated from the operations of the Presidential Committee on the BNPP from the period January to June 1995 shall be used to support

the personnel services and its maintenance and other operating expenditure requirements of the Secretariat for the rest of 1995, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. *Funds.* – The sum of **FIVE MILLION (₱5,000,000.00) PESOS** is hereby set aside from the funds allocated for the Contingent Funds of the Office of the President for the use of the Committee. In case of a deficiency, such sums as may be necessary to support the Committee's operations shall be provided by the participating agencies and by such other entities willing to contribute upon request of the Committee.

SEC. 7. *Separation Gratuity.* – In the interest of service; the twenty-five (25) remaining personnel of the Presidential Committee on the BNPP whose contract of services expired as of June 30, 1995 shall each receive a separation gratuity equivalent to one month of basic salary for every year of service at the said office to be shouldered by the Contingent Funds of the Office of the President.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 266

**INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE)
PROGRAMS OF THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS (PRBs) UNDER
THE SUPERVISION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14, Article XII of the Constitution, “The sustained development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists x x x professionals x x x high-level technical manpower x x x shall be promoted by the State.”; (underscoring supplied)

WHEREAS, by virtue of the provisions of Sections 5(a) and 6(a) of P.D. 223, as amended, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), hereinafter called the Commission, is empowered to adopt policies, such as the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs designed to enhance and maintain high professional, technical, and ethical standards in the practice of the professions for implementation by the respective Professional Regulatory Boards (PRB), hereinafter called the Board;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 56, dated February 9, 1993, the Office of the President exercises administrative supervision over the Commission;

WHEREAS, the various professions play a crucial role in nation-building;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to impose upon registered professionals the completion of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs adopted by the concerned Board as a prerequisite for the renewal of their licenses;

WHEREAS, the professionals who undertake the CPE programs are enabled not only to upgrade or improve their technical knowledge and skills but also to keep them abreast with modern trends and technology in their respective professions, thereby assuring the rendition of highly qualitative professional service/s that will be globally competitive under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and at the same time securing the safety and protection of the public;

WHEREAS, the confidence and patronage of the public in a professional depend upon his competence and the quality of service rendered resulting from his acquisition of updated technical knowledge and skill.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The completion by professional licensees of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs adopted by all Boards is hereby imposed as a mandatory requirement for the renewal of professional licenses.

SEC. 2. The Commission is hereby authorized to undertake measures to implement effectively the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs adopted by the Boards (PRBs) under the Commission’s supervision and control.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall, after consultation with and upon recommendation of the various Boards, issue the necessary standardized guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs which shall embody the following:

- A. CPE objectives, definition, nature, and rationale.
- B. Creation of CPE Council, Composition, Term of Office, Functions of Council, and meetings.
- C. CPE Programs and Activities: accreditation of conventions, conferences, seminars, workshops, etc., credit requirements, exemptions, and other related matters.
- D. Sanctions.

SEC. 4. **Repealing Clause.** – Any executive issuances, orders or provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are deemed modified or repealed.

SEC. 5. **Effectivity.** – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of **July**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 267
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
BONDS TO BE KNOWN AS AGRARIAN REFORM (AR) BONDS

WHEREAS, Section 18 of Republic Act No. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, allows the compensation of landowners for their agricultural landholdings subject to the Government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) to be paid in government financial instruments negotiable at any time;

WHEREAS, National Government Bonds fall within the term "government financial instruments negotiable at any time."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The issuance of Agrarian Reform (AR) Bonds for CARP payments and carrying of said AR Bonds in the books of the National Government. The AR Bonds, which shall be used by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) for land transfer payments under the agrarian reform program in accordance with existing law, shall have the same features as the LBP Bonds under the CARP;
2. The segregation of the accounts of CARP-related transactions in the books of account maintained by the Land Bank of the Philippines, except those specifically shouldered by the Land Bank of the Philippines; and
3. The enactment in trust with the Land Bank of the Philippines of such portions of the Agrarian Reform Fund (ARF) and of other funds authorized by law for the CARP, as directed by the Department of Finance/Bureau of Treasury in compliance with the provisions of the agrarian reform law.

The Department of Finance, the Land Bank of the Philippines, the Department of Budget and Management, the Bureau of Treasury and all other government agencies concerned are hereby directed to coordinate with one another on the printing, issuance, servicing and safekeeping of AR Bonds, the segregation of the accounts of CARP-related transactions in the books of account maintained by the Land Bank of the Philippines and the placement of the ARF in trust with the Land Bank of the Philippines.

In the implementation of this order

- a) LBP's functions and responsibilities in the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, as defined in the law, will be fully maintained;
- b) LBP will continue to be the principal agency handling land transfer payments to landowners; and

c) Separate financial statements and records will be maintained for CARP-related transactions and the LBP will be responsible for the administration of all the ARF funds entrusted to it or brought under its control.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 268

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 208 (S. 1995) ENTITLED “FURTHER DEFINING
THE COMPOSITION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION
ON THE ROLE OF FILIPINO WOMEN”**

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 208 (s. 1995) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. **Composition of the Commission.** Consistent with P.D. No. 633, and until otherwise directed by the President, the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Commission’, shall be composed of the following members:

“1.1 A Chairperson who shall be appointed by the President.

“1.2 The Secretaries of the following Departments who shall sit in the Commission as *ex-officio* members: Labor and Employment (DOLE); National Economic Development Authority (NEDA); Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); Agriculture (DA); Education, Culture and Sports (DECS); Health (DOH); Foreign Affairs (DFA); Interior and Local Government (DILG); Trade and Industry (DTI); and Budget and Management (DBM).

The Secretaries mentioned are authorized to designate an Undersecretary to represent them.

“1.3 Twelve (12) private sector representatives: eleven (11) of whom shall be selected from the following sectors – (a) Labor, (b) Business and Industry, (c) Science and Health, (d) Education or Academe, (e) Urban Poor, (f) Indigenous Peoples, (g) Peasants and Fisherfolks (h) Elderly and Disabled, (i) Media and Arts, (j) Culture, (k) Youth, and one (l) representative of the National Council of Women in the Philippines.

The incumbent members of the Commission, however, shall continue in office unless replaced or removed from office by the President.”

Section 2. Two (2) new sections between Sections 5 and 6 of Executive Order No. 208 are hereby inserted as follows:

“SEC. 6. **New Staffing Pattern.** – The Commission is hereby authorized to review, and with the approval of the Department of Budget and Management, revise its staffing pattern to effectively and efficiently undertake and accomplish its functions.

“SEC. 7. **Funding.** – The initial funding requirements for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Commission. The Department of Budget and Management is directed to coordinate and assist the Commission in identifying and determining the appropriate sources and amounts of

the funds to cover deficiencies in the Commission's requirements. Thereafter, funding requirements of the Commission shall be incorporated in the General Appropriations Act."

Section 3. Section 6 of Executive Order No. 208 is redenominated as Section 8.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 269
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 182 WHICH PROMULGATES THE
FIRST REGULAR FOREIGN INVESTMENT NEGATIVE LIST,
SPECIFICALLY “LIST A” OF ANNEX A

WHEREAS, List A of the First Regular Foreign Investment Negative List enumerates investment activities/areas where foreign equity participation is limited as prescribed in the Constitution and other specific laws;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Rule IX of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7042, also known as the Foreign Investments Act of 1991, allows amendments to List A to be made by NEDA at any time to reflect changes made by laws regarding foreign equity participation in any investment activity/area;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the first Regular Foreign Investment Negative List (RFINL) to reflect the provisions under Republic Act No. 7718 or “An Act Amending Certain Sections of Republic Act No. 6957, Entitled An Act Authorizing The Financing, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Infrastructure Projects By the Private Sector, And For Other Purposes” on the allowed foreign equity in build-operate-transfer projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Foreign Investments Act of 1991 do hereby order:

SECTION 1. List A of “Annex A” of Executive Order No. 182 is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Item No. 10 is amended to read as follows:

“10. Contracts for the construction and repair of locally-funded works except (i) infrastructure/development projects covered in Republic Act No. 7718, also known as the Expanded BOT Law; and (ii) projects which are foreign funded or assisted and required to undergo international competitive bidding (Commonwealth Act 541 as amended by Presidential Decree 1594; Letter of Instruction No. 630; Republic Act 7718)”

(b) Item No. 17(d) is deleted from the list.

(c) A new item no 18 is added to read as follows:

“18. Project proponent and facility operator of a BOT project requiring a public utility franchise (Article XII, Section 11 of the Constitution; Republic Act No. 7718)”

SEC. 2. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of August, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 270

REQUIRING ALL PHILIPPINE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS TO ASSIST IN ORGANIZING EXPATRIATE FILIPINO SCIENTISTS, TECHNOLOGISTS, ENGINEERS, AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS INTO OVERSEAS CHAPTERS OF (PHILIPPINE) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCILS (STACs)

WHEREAS, overseas chapters of Science and Technology Advisory Councils (STACs) have been organized by Filipinos in New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, New Orleans, Honolulu, Ottawa, Vancouver, Toronto, Stockholm, Vienna and Bangkok;

WHEREAS, the said chapters of STACs have been supporting the Science and Technology (S & T) thrusts of the Philippines by monitoring scientific and technological developments abroad, facilitating technology transfers, and performing voluntary consulting work, and functioning as conduits of assistance for beneficiary groups in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the National Security Council (NSC) has proposed that the foreign-based STACs be utilized in Philippine capacity-building for technology assessments, acquisitions and referral;

WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) acts as the advisory agency in identifying the S & T requirements for tapping foreign-based scientists as information sources;

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in collaboration with the DOST serves as the coordinating body in the Philippines in matching the country's S & T requirements with expertise of foreign-based scientists through STACnet;

WHEREAS, members of STACs have proven to be effective in tapping foreign-based scientists as information source in coordination with the DFA, thus supporting NSC and DOST in the Science and Technology Agenda for National Development;

WHEREAS, members of STCs are linked worldwide through STACnet, an electronic mail facility in the Internet, a global communications network, thus enabling them to gather and move information faster;

WHEREAS, the first Philippine hook-up to the Internet was made possible by STACnet, proof of their determination to bring new technology to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, members of STACs have created a means to reverse the "brain-drain" of Filipino experts through their "brain-gain" program;

WHEREAS, the said chapters of STACs and their volunteer members are valuable partners in the economic development of the Philippines, contributing to overall efforts to achieve the status of newly industrializing country by the year 2000;

WHEREAS, in cities wherein Philippine Embassies and Consulates are located, there is still a large number of untapped expatriate Filipino scientists, technologists, engineers, and applied professionals who have expressed their willingness and desire to organize new STAC chapters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order all Philippine Diplomatic and Consular Posts through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs to assist in organizing expatriate Filipino scientists, technologists,

engineers, and allied professionals in their jurisdictions into overseas chapters of the Science and Technology Advisory Council.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of **August**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 271
GOVERNING THE ADMISSION AND STAY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN
THE SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE AS TEMPORARY VISITORS

WHEREAS, it is a declared national policy to attract and promote foreign trade, investment and tourism in the country, especially in special economic zones such as the Subic Special Economic and Freeport Zone (“Zone”) to promote economic growth and national development;

WHEREAS, it is expected that visits to the Zone by foreign nationals for business and tourism purposes will increase significantly due mainly to the development and the growing attraction of the Zone as an investment and tourism destination;

WHEREAS, the Subic Bay International Airport has likewise attracted interest from international airlines as a destination point for chartered and commercial flights which will no doubt contribute immensely to the development of the Zone, the Central Luzon Region, and ultimately, the entire Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is crucial to allow uncomplicated access to the Secured Area of the Zone as defined in relevant issuances for foreign nationals in order to realize the above-declared national policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Foreign nationals, not categorized as “restricted” as determined by the DFA, visiting the Zone for business and/or tourism purposes may be allowed to enter all ports of entry of the Zone and stay therein without visa for a maximum period of fourteen (14) days; *provided* that upon arrival, they present their passports, Certificates of Identity or travel documents valid for at least six (6) months beyond the intended stay in the Zone and confirmed onward flight tickets. The determination of the identity and admissibility of the foreign national seeking to enter the Zone under this Executive Order shall be the primary responsibility of the Bureau of Immigration (BI).

SEC. 2. Foreign nationals who enter the Zone under this Executive Order shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- a. they shall leave or depart from the Philippines only through the Subic Bay International Airport, except as hereinafter provided;
- b. they shall not be allowed outside the Secured Area of the Zone, except to visit areas outside the Secured Area but within the Zone, *provided*, that they are escorted by BI officers and/or Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) officers duly deputized by the BI;
- c. those who intend to visit areas outside the Zone and/or extend their stay in the Zone for any reason beyond the 14-day period must secure a visa waiver from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), *provided*, that upon securing such visa waiver, the restrictions as provided herein shall no longer be applicable.

SEC. 3. The Administrator of the SBMA may, in case of extreme emergencies or under exceptional circumstances, allow foreign nationals who enter the Zone under this Executive Order to visit areas outside the Zone under special permit or escort, subject to confirmation of visa waiver by the DFA.

SEC. 4. The DFA, BI and SBMA shall jointly implement this Executive Order, and issue guidelines and circulars implementing the same. They are hereby authorized to collect reasonable fees for processing of no-visa entry and applications for visa waivers.

SEC. 5. Any foreign national who violates the provisions of this Executive Order or its implementing guidelines and circulars shall be subject to deportation under existing Philippine immigration laws.

SEC. 6. The privileges accorded hereunder shall not in any way impair other more favorable no-visa privileges accorded to foreign nationals under any existing executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order or issuance.

SEC. 7. All previous executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders and/or similar issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Special Subic Investors/Working Visas issued by the SBMA in coordination with the BI shall be deemed regular visas valid for entry and exit in the Philippine ports of entry.

SEC. 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 272
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30 SERIES OF 1992, ESTABLISHING
THE BONDOC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICE

WHEREAS, the local government units play a vital role in accelerating the development of the territorial and political subdivisions of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, to give meaning to this role, it is necessary to restructure the composition of the Bondoc Development Program Office to rationalize and make more effective the formulation and implementation of development projects and programs for the Bondoc Peninsula;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law; do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The first paragraph Order No. 30, series of 1992, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 2. *Composition and Functions of the Project Governing Board.*** The Project Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall be composed of the Provincial Governor of the Province of Quezon, as Chairman, and the mayors of the twelve (12) municipalities of Bondoc Peninsula, the Regional Director, NEDA Region IV, a representative of the Sanggunian Panlalawigan of Quezon, a representative of the Congressman of the 3rd District of Quezon, six (6) representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including People’s Organizations (POs), the Project Director of the Project Management Unit and the representative of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ HmbH), as members. The last two shall be non-voting members of the Board.”

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 273
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PHILIPPINE PLAN FOR
GENDER-RESPONSIVE DEVELOPMENT, 1995 TO 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14, Article II of the Constitution that provides “The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men,” Executive Order No. 348, series of 1989, approving and adopting the “Philippine Development Plan for Women (PDPW) for 1989-1992” was promulgated;

WHEREAS, the passage of Republic Act No. 7192 otherwise known as the “Women in Development and Nation-Building Act” on February 12, 1992 and the expiration of the PDPW time frame in the same year, calls for a successor plan that shall address and provide direction for mainstreaming gender concerns in development;

WHEREAS, the National Plan for Women shall serve as the main vehicle for implementing in the Philippines the action commitments during the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China;

WHEREAS, through the concerted efforts of various government agencies and non-governmental organizations, a plan has been formulated for the purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby approve and adopt the “Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development, 1995-2025,” hereinafter referred to as the Plan, and order that:

1. All government agencies, departments, bureaus, offices, and instrumentalities, including government-owned and-controlled corporations, at the national, sub-national and local levels, are directed:
 - 1.1 To take appropriate steps to ensure the full implementation of the policies/strategies and programs/projects outlined in the Plan;
 - 1.2 To institutionalize Gender and Development (GAD) efforts in government by incorporating GAD concerns, as spelled out in the Plan; in their planning, programming and budgeting processes, but specifically to:

Include/incorporate GAD concerns in the:

- a) formulation, assessment and updating of their annual agency plans;
- b) formulation, assessment and updating of their inputs to the medium/long-term, development plans; and
- c) preparation of their inputs to sectoral performance assessment reports, public investment plans and other similar documents.

Incorporate and reflect GAD concerns in their:

- a) agency performance commitment contracts indicating key results areas for GAD as well as in their annual performance report to the President; and
 - b) annual agency budget proposals and work and financial plans.
2. The National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), shall:
- 2.1. Monitor the implementation of the Plan by various government agencies; and
 - 2.2. Conduct the periodic assessment and updating of the Plan every six years or upon every change in national leadership.

In pursuance of the foregoing, the NCRFW may call upon the assistance of any government agency or instrumentality, including government-owned and -controlled corporations as well as existing inter-agency structures, as may be necessary. Non-governmental organizations and private entities are urged to assist and support in the implementation, monitoring, assessment and updating of the Plan.

3. The NCRFW is hereby authorized, in consultation with the President and concerned government agencies, to issue orders, circulars or guidelines, as may be necessary, for the implementation, coordination, monitoring, assessment and updating of the Plan, as well as in the implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order. For these purposes, the NCRFW may constitute appropriate inter-agency committees.
4. In view of the Plan's long-term goal of fully integrating GAD concerns into the whole development process, the mainstreaming of GAD in various government agencies shall be the responsibility of the heads of concerned agencies and their respective offices, with the assistance of their Women in Development (WID)/GAD Focal Points, if any, to ensure institutionalization thereof.
5. The initial amount necessary for the implementation of the Plan shall be charged against the appropriations of government agencies authorized to be set aside for the purpose under Republic Act No. 7845, including those sources from bilateral/multilateral agencies/organizations or those from the official development assistance (ODA) pursuant to Republic Act No. 7192. Thereafter, budgetary requirements for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in General Appropriations Bills to be submitted to Congress.
6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) LEONARDO A. QUISUMBING
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary
Officer-In-Charge, OES

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 274
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON BICOL
TOURISM SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to promote a balanced development of each region of the country and to harness the vast potential of the countryside;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Bicol Tourism Project as adopted by the Presidential Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects, is supportive of this policy and concern for the accelerated development of the Bicol Region;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective mechanism to coordinate and manage the implementation of the Bicol Region Tourism Master Plan, within the framework of the government's decentralization and regionalization policy as provided under Executive Order No. 363;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. To ensure that an effective mechanism and linkage is instituted for the implementation of the Bicol Region Tourism Master Plan (BRTMP), there is hereby created under the Office of the President a Presidential Commission to be called the Bicol Tourism Special Development Project Commission which shall be responsible for the overall coordination and supervision of the implementation of the BRTMP. It shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of Tourism	Chairman
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Transportation and Communications	Member
Secretary of Agrarian Reform	Member
Secretary of Agriculture	Member
Secretary of Interior and Local Government	Member
Secretary of Trade and Industry	Member
Chairman of the Regional Development Council, Region V	Member
Governors/City Mayors of Concerned Local Government Units (LGUs)	Member

The Department of Tourism shall provide technical secretariat services to the Commission.

SEC. 2. The Commission shall be an advisory body to the President and shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Articulate the development goals, objectives, programs and projects of the Bicol Region Tourism Master Plan;

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- b. Cause the update and refinement of the Bicol Region Tourism Master Plan within the context of the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, Regional Development Plan, and the Local Development Plan of the local government units (LGUs);
 - c. Cause the conduct of feasibility study, evaluation, and financing of the project components of the BRTMP;
 - d. Provide overall direction, coordination, and supervision in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the BRTMP;
 - e. Enlist the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in planning and implementing the BRTMP;
 - f. Enter into contracts as may be necessary in the implementation of the BRTMP, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations;
 - g. Organize the project Management Office, define its organizational set-up, establish its staffing pattern and appoint its Project Director and staff, subject to approval of the Department of Budget and management;
 - h. Formulate implementing rules and regulations pertaining to the internal operations of the Project Management Office; and
- Submit to the President quarterly progress reports on the project and such other reports as may be required.

SEC. 3. The Commission may call upon any government agency, office or bureau for assistance in the discharge of, and form committees to facilitate the performance of, its functions and responsibilities.

SEC. 4. The amount of *Five Million Pesos* (₱5,000,000.00), to be drawn from funds of the DOT, shall be released for the operations of the Commission for 1995. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals under the Office of the President.

SEC. 5. All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 275
CREATING A COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM
ALL FORMS OF NEGLECT, ABUSE, CRUELTY, EXPLOITATION, DISCRIMINATION
AND OTHER CONDITIONS PREJUDICIAL TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that the natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the government;

WHEREAS, the State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, there is a need to consolidate in one body the assessment, monitoring and implementation of the aforecited policy on a continuing basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Special Committee for Children to be composed of:

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| 1. The Secretary of Justice | – | Chairman |
| 2. The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development | – | Co-Chairman |
| 3. The Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights | – | Member |
| 4. Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration | – | Member |

A representative with a rank not lower than undersecretary from the following:

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| 5. Department of Labor and Employment | – | Member |
| 6. Department of Tourism | – | Member |
| 7. Department of the Interior and Local Government | – | Member |
| 8. Department of Foreign Affairs | – | Member |
| 9. Three representatives of private organizations to be
nominated by said groups and appointed by the
President | – | Member |

SEC. 2. The Committee shall exercise the following functions and duties:

- a. To report to the President acts taken to address specific issues on child abuse and exploitation brought to the Committee's attention.
- b. To direct other agencies to immediately respond to the problems brought to their attention and to report to the Committee on action taken.

- c. To perform such other functions and duties as may be necessary to meet the objectives of the Committee.

SEC. 3. The Council for the Welfare of Children shall act as the Secretariat of the Committee.

SEC. 4. The initial amount of P10,000,000.00 is hereby authorized to be released from the Presidential Social Fund.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 276
FORMALIZING THE INTER-AGENCY SAFETY AND IMMUNITY GUARANTEES (SIG)
COMMITTEE FOR THE GRP-NDF PEACE TALKS

WHEREAS, the Government and the National Democratic Front have recommended the conduct of formal peace negotiations between the two sides under the Hague Joint Declaration dated 1 September 1992;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 125 dated 15 September 1993 created the Government Panel to conduct peace negotiations with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CCP)/ New People's Army (NPA)/ National Democratic Front (NDF);

WHEREAS, both Panels signed the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) on 24 February 1995 to facilitate the formal peace negotiations, to create a favorable atmosphere conducive to free discussion and free movement during the peace negotiations;

WHEREAS, the Government Panel and the Panel of the National Democratic Front had opened formal peace negotiations in Brussels, Belgium in June 1995 as contained in the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG);

WHEREAS, the main objective of safety and immunity guarantees (SIG) was to safeguard and protect the rights of negotiators, consultants, staffers, security and other personnel participating in the formal negotiations;

WHEREAS, there is need for a permanent Inter-Agency Committee to provide a mechanism for coordination, joint decision-making and problem-solving and monitoring of the JASIG implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the Inter-Agency SIG Committee as a permanent committee.

SECTION. 1. Composition. The Committee shall be chaired by the Executive Secretary with the following as members:

Secretary of National Defense (Vice-Chairman)
Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (Vice-Chairman)
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
Secretary of Justice
Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process
Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines
Director-General of the Philippine National Police
Chairman of the Government Panel for Peace Talks with the CPP / NPA / NDF

SEC. 2. Function. The committee shall be tasked to oversee the implementation of the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) and to resolve problems and issues arising

from the same. The regular participation of all principals is required to ensure faster decision-making and communication of decisions to the field.

To assist the Committee, a technical working group shall also be created to serve as its technical arm comprised of senior representatives of the member agencies.

SEC. 3. *Secretariat Support.* Secretariat support shall be provided by the GRP Panel for CPP/NPA/NDF Secretariat.

SEC. 4. *Operational Support and Funding.* Operational Support and funding shall be provided by the GRP Panel for CPP/NPA/NDF.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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MALACANANG
MANILAEXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 277
DIRECTING THE MODE OF TREATMENT UTILIZATION, ADMINISTRATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COCONUT LEVY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the coconut levy funds, which comprise four general classes, *viz.*: (a) the Coconut Investment Fund created under R.A. 6260 (effective June 19, 1971); (b) the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund under P.D. 276 (effective August 20, 1973); (c) the Coconut Industry Development Fund under P.D. 582 (effective November 14, 1974); and (d) the Coconut Industry Stabilization Fund under P.D. 1841 (effective October 2, 1981), were created to support and advance the development of the coconut industry for the ultimate benefit of the coconut farmers;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in upholding the sequestration of various industrial and commercial enterprises organized and financed with proceeds from the coconut levy, declared in the *Philippines Coconut Producers Federation, Inc. (COCOFED), et al. vs. Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG), et al.* (178 SCRA 236 <21 October 1989>) case that:

“The utilization and proper management of the coconut levy funds, raised as they were by the State’s police and taxing powers, are certainly the concern of the Government. It cannot be denied that it was the welfare of the entire nation that provided the prime moving factor for the imposition of the levy. It cannot be denied that the coconut industry is one of the major industries supporting the national economy. It is, therefore, the State’s concern to make it a strong and secure source not only of the livelihood of a significant segment of the population but also of export earnings the sustained growth of which is one of the imperatives of economic stability. The coconut levy funds are clearly affected with public interest. Until it is demonstrated satisfactorily that they have legitimately become private funds, they must prima facie and by reason of the circumstances in which they were raised and accumulated be accounted subject to the measures prescribed in E.O. Nos. 1, 2, and 14 to prevent their concealment, dissipation, etc. which measures include the sequestration and other orders of the PCGG complained of.”

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in ruling that the PCGG is entitled to vote the sequestered shares of stock of the United Coconut Planters Bank (Republic vs. Sandiganbayan, G.R. No. 96073, 16 February 1993), reiterated the above declaration and clarified that:

“The coconut levy funds being ‘clearly affected with public interest,’ it follows that the corporations formed and organized from those funds, and all assets acquired therefrom, should also be regarded as ‘clearly affected with public interest.’”

WHEREAS, the Constitution mandates that:

“Sec. 2. (1) The Commission on Audit shall have the power, authority, and duty to examine, audit and settle all accounts pertaining to the revenue and receipts of, and

expenditures or uses of funds and property, owned or held in trust by, or pertaining to, the Government, or any of its subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations with original charters, and on a post-audit basis: ... (c) other government-owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries; and (d) such non-governmental entities receiving subsidy or equity, directly or indirectly, from or through the Government, which are required by law or the granting institution to submit to such audit as a condition of subsidy or equity.

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Sec. 3. No law shall be passed exempting any entity of the Government or its subsidiary in any guise whatever, or any investment of public funds, from the jurisdiction of the Commission on Audit.”

WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit, consistent with its mandate and relying upon the above declaration of the Supreme Court, has opined on 15 January 1993 that the coconut levy:

“x x x would seem to fall within the purview of the provisions of Section 63 of Presidential Decree No. 1445, to wit:

‘Except as may otherwise be specifically provided by law or competent authority all moneys and property officially received by a public officer in any capacity or upon any occasion must be accounted for as government funds and government property.’

It would seem, therefore, that all moneys realized from the said levy should accordingly be accounted for as governments funds the provisions of Section 5, Article III, of PD No. 961 notwithstanding, in the light of the following provisions of the 1987 Constitution:

‘All money collected on any tax levied for a special purpose shall be treated as a special fund and paid out for such purpose only. If the purpose for which a special fund was created has been fulfilled or abandoned, the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Government. (Sec. 23<3>, Article VI).

‘All existing laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, letters of instructions, and other executive issuances not inconsistent with this Constitution shall remain operative until amended, repealed, or revoked.’ (Section 3, Article XVIII)

which all the more strongly indicate that the coconut levy constitutes government funds.

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In the light of the foregoing, this Commission is strongly of the view that the coconut levy is a public fund, and therefore subject to government audit.”

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, in replying to the query raised by the Philippine Coconut Authority Administrator as to the character of the coconut levy funds, relied upon the same Supreme Court ruling and, thus, ruled on 15 December 1992, as follows:

“ . . . the Supreme Court of the Philippines, already had the occasion to make an En Banc pronouncement that it was the welfare of the entire nation that provided the prime moving factor for the imposition of the levy. Neither can it be denied that the coconut industry is one of the major industries supporting the national economy

Moreover, the coconut levies are enforced contributions levied by the taxing power on the coconut farmers. The levies imposed upon the coconut products of the coconut farmers are taxes in fact. They are enforced contributions levied by the taxing power on the coconut farmers, neither dependent upon the will nor the contractual assent, express or implied of the persons thus taxed. Thus, the coconut farmers were originally required by R.A. 6260, on June 19, 1971, to pay the sum equivalent of P0.55 on their first domestic sale of every one hundred kilograms of copra, or its equivalent in terms of other coconut products; P0.50 of the exaction were accrued to a special fund, the COCONUT INVESTMENT FUND(CIF). Likewise, the levy of P15.00 per 100 kilograms of copra rescada or its equivalent in other coconut products, set by P.D. 276 on August 20, 1972 were imposed on the farmer's first domestic sale and they were accrued to a separate trust fund known as the COCONUT CONSUMERS STABILIZATION FUND (CCSF).

Such being the case, and since the burdens of the levies thereby imposed and collected were meant to be shouldered by the coconut farmers, the coconut levy is not a public trust fund for the benefit of the coconut farmers, but it is in the nature of a tax and, therefore, are public funds that are subject to government administration and disposition.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines pursuant to the powers vested in me by law hereby order and direct:

(a) The coconut levy funds, which include all income, interests, proceeds or profits derived therefrom, as well as all assets, properties and shares of stocks procured or obtained with the use of such funds, shall be treated, utilized administered and managed as public funds consistent with the uses and purposes under the laws which constituted them and the development priorities of the government, including the governments' coconut productivity, rehabilitation, research, extension, farmers organizations and market promotions programs, which are designed to advance the development of the coconut industry and the welfare of the coconut farmers.

The heads of the Department of Agriculture, Presidential Commission on Good Government, Philippine Coconut Authority, United Coconut Planter's Bank and The Coconut Industry Investment Fund, herein constituted as an ad-hoc committee with the Secretary of Agriculture as Chairman, in consultation with representatives of the coconut industry, including coconut farmer's organizations, shall jointly review, rationalize and integrate their concerns and programs in a Master Plan for the years 1995 to 2000.

(b) All existing laws, rules and regulations governing custodianship, use, disposition, disbursement and/or divestment of public funds and properties shall be applied in the utilization, administration and management of the coconut levy funds.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 278
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 274 DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1995,
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON BICOL
TOURISM SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 274 dated 14 September 1995 entitled “Establishing The Presidential Commission on Bicol Tourism Special Development Project”.

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 274, series of 1995, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 1. To ensure that an effective mechanism and linkage is instituted for the implementation of the Bicol Region Tourism Master Plan (BRTMP), there is hereby created under the Office of the President a Presidential Commission to be called the Bicol Tourism Special Development Project Commission which shall be responsible for the overall coordination and supervision of the implementation of the BRTMP. It shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of Tourism	- Chairman
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	- Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Transportation and Communications	- Member
Secretary of Agrarian Reform	- Member
Secretary of Agriculture	- Member
Secretary of Interior and Local Government	- Member
Secretary of Trade and Industry	- Member
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	- Member
Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	- Member
Chairman of the Regional Development Council, Region V	- Member
Governors/City Mayors of Concerned Local Government Units (LGUs)	- Member

The Department of Tourism shall provide technical secretariat services to the Commission.”

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 10th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 279
DIRECTING THE DISSOLUTION OF PHILCORP PTY LTD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 572, issued on 06 December 1979, PhilBai International Pty was created as a centralized cattle and meat buying agency of the Philippines in Australia to cover the Oceania Region;

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 07 April 1986, pursuant to a Presidential directive, the then Minister of Agriculture ordered the dismantling of PhilBai International;

WHEREAS, pending the liquidation of PhilBai International, PhilCorp. Pty Ltd was set up on 20 July 1993 to take over the functions, and protect and preserve the assets of PhilBai International;

WHEREAS, in line with the current thrust of government to liberalize trade and commerce and allow free enterprise to serve as the prime mover of sustained economic development, the time has come to end the monopoly introduced under Executive Order No. 572 in the importation of livestock from the Oceania Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The dissolution and liquidation, in accordance with Philippine and Australian laws, of PhilCorp. Pty Ltd.

Sec. 2. The Department of Agriculture and the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel shall take the necessary steps to effect and carry out the dissolution and liquidation process in dismantling PhilCorp Pty. Ltd.

Sec. 3. The Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized to utilize the remaining assets of PhilCorp Pty Ltd to purchase breeding cattle from the Oceania Region for upgrading of the local livestock.

Sec. 4. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed and / or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 280
CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON INTELLIGENCE AND
COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE TO IDENTIFY, ARREST AND CAUSE THE
INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF MILITARY AND OTHER LAW
ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OR THEIR FORMER MEMBERS AND
THEIR COHORTS INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the crime situation in the country continues to defy meaningful solution even as it tends to undermine the gains the government has made in its economic recovery effort;

WHEREAS, the public views with deep concern the alarming increase in heinous crimes, particularly kidnap for ransom, bank robbery, and other organized crimes;

WHEREAS, current statistics from the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission show that 40% of the organized crimes committed involve scalawags in the military and law enforcement agencies, either active, discharged from the service or absent without leave.

WHEREAS, the government drive against criminality will encounter difficulty unless these scalawags and their cohorts are identified, arrested, prosecuted and put to jail;

WHEREAS, there is a need to organize an intelligence and counterintelligence task force dedicated for the purpose of identifying, arresting and effectively prosecuting scalawags in the military and other law enforcement agencies.

WHEREAS, based on experience, the creation of a counterintelligence unit in the AFP dedicated to the neutralization and prosecution of scalawags in the AFP has been successful, thus raising the possibility that counterintelligence operations can be expanded to cover all law enforcing agencies engaged in the anti-crime drive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Organization.* There is hereby created a Presidential Task Force on Intelligence and Counterintelligence Against Scalawags.

SEC. 2. *Leadership, Composition and Organizational Structure.* The Task Force shall be headed by the Chief, Intelligence Service, Armed Forces of the Philippines, assisted by a PNP officer who shall serve as the Deputy Task Force Commander for Intelligence/Operations, and an NBI Official who shall be designated as the Deputy Task Force Commander for Investigation and Legal Affairs. Structurally, the Task Force shall be organized as follows:

- a. Directly under the Task Force Commander are the Executive Officer and a functional staff that shall assist the Task Force Commander in the implementation, supervision and orchestration of Task Force policies and orders within their respective functional areas.

- b. A Task Force Operations Center (TFOC) shall be created to monitor and orchestrate the day-to-day operational activities of the Task Force. It shall be manned by elements from the different agencies involved.

Component force shall be organized separately to be composed of competent and dedicated elements from the PNP, NBI, DOJ, NICA, AFP Major Service CI Units, ISAFP and other units/agencies concerned, as may be deemed necessary. They shall be directly under the provision and control of the Task Force Commander.

- d. The national organizational setup shall be replicated or similarly organized in the regions except the National Capital Region which shall be placed under the jurisdiction of the NCR-based national organization. The creation of the Regional Task Groups outside NCR shall be phased in and selectively determined according to operational necessity. Among the regions which will be given priority after NCR are Region 9, Region 12, the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Region 7, Region 6, Region 3, and Region 4. Other regions may follow as the need arises.
- e. The Assistant Group Commanders of the Field Military Intelligence Groups, ISAFP, shall act as the Regional Task Group Commander for their respective regions.
- f. Transportation, communications, firearms and individual equipment of personnel of the component forces shall be provided by their respective mother agencies.

SEC. 3. *Coordination.* The Task Force is hereby authorized to enlist the assistance of any branch, department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations in the performance of its functions.

SEC. 4. *Command and Control.* The line of command and control of the Task Force is as follows:

- a. The Task Force Commander shall report and be directly responsible to the President.
- b. The Task Force Commander shall have direct responsibility, supervision and control over all component forces of the Task Force. He is hereby authorized to select and designate all the personnel who will work under him.
- c. The component forces/elements from the NBI, PNP, DOJ, NICA and AFP Service Counterintelligence Units must be attached and assigned to the Task force, i.e., their respective mother units shall provide/assign a permanent force to the Task Force. The component force so attached and assigned shall hold office or report to the Task Force Headquarters daily. The Task Force Commander shall have directive and supervisory authority over them.
- d. Each component force shall have a designated Commander who shall directly be responsible for his unit. He shall report and receive orders directly from the Task Force Commander.

SEC. 5. *Powers and Functions.* The Task Force shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Conduct intelligence and counterintelligence operations to detect and identify active and former military and police personnel and their cohorts involved in criminal activities.
- b. Cause or direct the immediate arrest, investigation and speedy prosecution of such military and police personnel and their cohorts in accordance with constitutional processes.
- c. Refer the case at hand, as the Task Force may deem proper and necessary, in the interest of efficient and expeditious dispensation of criminal justice, to the Presidential Anti-Crime

Commission (PACC) and/or other appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecution office, for investigation or prosecution, as the case may be.

- d. Monitor the progress of on-going investigation and prosecution of cases taken cognizance of by the Task Force.
- e. Recommend appropriate anti-crime issuances and legislations to the President, PACC and Congress.
- f. Conduct other special anti-crime operations as the President may direct.

SEC. 6. *Duties and Tasks.* The Personnel and component units of the Task Force shall perform the following duties and tasks:

- a. ***Task Force Commander.*** Principally responsible for the successful implementation of Task Force mission and functions, directs and supervises the overall conduct of Task Force operations and perform such other functions as the President may direct.
- b. ***Deputy Task Force Commander for Intelligence/Operations.*** Assists and advises the Task Force Commander on matters pertaining to intelligence/operations.

[DIAGRAM I – Proposed Organizational Structure of Task Force “Hammerhead”]

- c. ***Deputy Task Force Commander for Legal and Investigation.*** Assists and advises the Task Force Commander on legal and investigation matters.
- d. ***Executive Officer.*** Principal Staff Adviser of the Task Force Command. Supervises and ensures that all policies and instructions of the Task Force Commander are properly implemented by concerned staff officers; ensures the normal and smooth functioning and coordination of staffs.
- e. ***Working Staff.*** Advises and is responsible to the Commander on various matters including personnel, supply and logistics requirements, technical and signal support, intelligence/operations, and legal/investigation matters.
- f. ***Task Force Operations Center (TFCOC).*** Monitors the day to day operational activities of the Task Force.
- g. ***DOJ Component.*** Directly responsible for the prosecution of cases and securing Warrants of Arrest and Search Warrants.
- h. ***NICA/PNP/NBI/AFP Major Service and ISAFP CI Units and Other Components.*** Conduct case buildup and counteraction operations against targeted personalities/syndicates. Gather, collect and preserve pieces of evidence for use against targeted suspects.
- i. ***Regional Task Groups (RTG’s).*** Conduct case buildup, counteraction operations and prosecution of targeted criminal syndicates in their respective AORs.

SEC. 7. *Operating Guidelines.* – In the implementation of this Executive Order, the Task Force must follow the following guidelines:

- a. The Task Force shall focus its efforts primarily against scalawags in the AFP and other law enforcement agencies, or their former members, involved in criminal activities although in the process, the Task Force can initiate neutralization measures against their associates and accomplices in these crime syndicates.

- b. The destruction of organized big-time criminal groups/syndicates involving military, police and former military or police personnel shall be the operational priority of the Task Force. Along this line, it shall direct its efforts against the following criminal activities.

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| 1. Kidnap for Ransom | |
| 2. Robberies of Banks, Pawnshops, etc. | Primary/Immediate |
| 3. Drug Trafficking | |
| 4. Gunrunning | Secondary |
| 5. Carnapping | |

- c. All operations conducted shall have prior clearance and knowledge of the Task Force Commander. The Intelligence and Operation Officer shall closely monitor and supervise the conduct of the operation.
- d. On orders/instructions of the Task Force Commander, component forces may operate either independently or jointly depending on the nature of the target and operational necessity or practicality.
- e. Respective component forces will be given the first opportunity to conduct investigation/case build-up of identified scalawags in their respective units/agencies.
- f. Counteraction operations conducted against target personalities are primarily aimed at bringing the suspects to the bar of justice for successful prosecution.

SEC. 8. *Funding.* The Task Force shall be provided with an initial allocation of TWENTY MILLION PESOS (₱20,000,000) to be drawn from the Office of the President's contingency fund and/or from the government's savings for CY 1995, and such amount as may be approved by the President to be drawn from the Contingency Fund for CY 1996, thereafter to be included in the annual budget of the government.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 281

GRANTING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, DEVELOP, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CASECNAN MULTI-PURPOSE IRRIGATION AND POWER PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE CASECNAN RIVER WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VISCAYA AND THE PANTABANGAN-CARRANGLAN WATERSHED IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA IN CONSONANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OVER THE WATERSHED UNDER PROCLAMATION NO. 136 AND PROCLAMATION NO. 561, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 136 (11 August 1987) placed the administration, control and management of the Casecnan River Watershed Forest Reserve under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, through the Bureau of Forest Development (now the Forest Management Bureau), in coordination with the other government agencies, with the objective of maintaining its usefulness as a source of water for agricultural and other forestry purposes;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 561 (21 May 1987), the improvement and development of the Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed Reserve Pilot Area shall be undertaken in specific or cooperative projects by the Bureau of Forestry (now the Forest Management Bureau), with the cooperation of the Reforestation Administration, National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority, National Irrigation Administration, Bureau of Public Works, National Power Corporation and Bureau of Soils;

WHEREAS, Letter of Instruction No. 1002 (20 March 1980) granted the National Irrigation Administration Authority to manage, protect, develop and rehabilitate certain portions of the watershed areas of the Pantabangan watershed reservation;

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 192 (10 June 1987), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall be the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, including those in reservation and watershed areas;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6978 (24 June 1991) mandates the National Irrigation Administration to undertake an accelerated program for the construction of irrigation projects to promote rural development;

WHEREAS, the National Irrigation Administration has reassessed the diversified uses of the Casecnan River Watershed Forest Reserve and the Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed in order to optimize the benefits that can be derived therefrom;

WHEREAS, after careful study, the National Irrigation Administration has determined the feasibility of implementing the Casecnan Multi-Purpose Irrigation and Power Project which involves conveying certain waters in the Casecnan River Watershed Forest Reserve into the Pantabangan reservoir for the purpose of (i) satisfying the irrigation requirements of agricultural lands in the Central Luzon Valley, (ii) producing and supplying electrical energy into the Luzon grid through the

construction, installation and operation of an approximately 140 megawatt capacity power plant, and (iii) increasing the generating capacities of the existing Pantabangan and Masiway facilities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 3601, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 552 and Presidential Decree No. 1702, empowers the National Irrigation Administration to acquire real and personal properties and all appurtenant rights, easements, concessions and privileges, whether the same are already devoted to private or public use in connection with the development of its projects;

WHEREAS, the Casecnan Multi-Purpose Irrigation and Power Project has been approved as a Build-Operate-Transfer project to be implemented through the National Irrigation Administration and has been certified by the National Economic and Development Authority as a “high priority project”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. The National Irrigation Administration shall have the authority and is hereby granted the right to construct, develop, operate and maintain the necessary infrastructure and other facilities for the Casecnan Multi-Purpose Irrigation and Power Project (“CMIPP”) within certain areas of the Casecnan River Watershed Forest Reserve located in the municipalities of Dupax del Sur and Alfonso Castañeda, Province of Nueva Viscaya, and Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed Reserve Pilot Area located in the municipalities of Pantabangan and Carranglan, Province of Nueva Ecija, the location of said facilities being generally identified, delineated and marked within the boundaries of the area, marked as Project Area, in the map and technical description attached hereto as Annexes “A” and “B” and made integral parts hereof. In furtherance of the foregoing, the National Irrigation Administration is further granted the right of access (including the construction of necessary and appropriate access roads) as well as rights of way to such other areas within the Project Area as may be required for the effective and efficient implementation of the CMIPP. NIA shall have the right to grant to the developer of the CMIPP such of its rights in the Project Area as granted herein and which may be necessary for such developer to fulfill its obligations under the BOT arrangement for the CMIPP. In all cases involving clearing, timber cutting and other related activities, the same shall be duly coordinated and approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

SEC. 2. In the implementation of the CMIPP within the areas of the Casecnan River Watershed Forest Reserve and Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed designated above, the National Irrigation Administration shall have the authority to enter into contracts in pursuance of the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 hereof, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall retain its jurisdiction over the Casecnan River Watershed Forest Reserve and Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed granted under Proclamation No. 136 and Proclamation No. 561 as amended by Letter of Instruction No. 1002. The National Irrigation Administration shall also retain its rights to the Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed granted under Letter of Instruction No. 1002.

SEC. 4. The National Irrigation Administration and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall consult and collaborate with each other to ensure the protection of the Casecnan River Watershed Forest Reserve and the Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed.

SEC. 5. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 hereof, the right of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to undertake any project within the Project Area pursuant to its

mandate and existing laws will not be impaired. No other project or activities which are inconsistent with the CMIPP shall be authorized, undertaken and/or implemented within the Project Area.

SEC. 6. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the National Irrigation Administration and all other concerned government agencies and local governmental units are hereby authorized and directed to take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to fully and expeditiously implement this Order.

SEC. 7. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the National Irrigation Administration shall respect the applicable rights of indigenous cultural communities within the Project Area.

SEC. 8. To ensure an efficient and smooth operation of the CMIPP, a Memorandum of Agreement shall be immediately executed by and between the National Irrigation Administration and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to provide for their specific responsibilities in respect of the matters herein established and the same may be revised, amended, added to or supplemented by them through mutually satisfactory arrangements.

SEC. 9. In case of any dispute or issue in respect of any matter provided therein, National Irrigation Administration and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall immediately consult each other for the purpose of resolving the same.

SEC. 10. Provisions or proclamations, executive orders, instructions, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 282
PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EVOLUTION
OF THE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE AUTHORITY, CREATED UNDER
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 66, INTO THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE
AUTHORITY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7916, otherwise known as the Special Economic Zones Act of 1995, created the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to provide the legal administration and coordination of special economic zones in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the same law mandates that the PEZA shall evolve from the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) created under Presidential Decree No. 66 “in accordance with the guidelines and regulations set forth in an executive order issued for the purpose”;

WHEREAS, such guidelines and regulations are necessary to ensure the smooth transition of the EPZA into the PEZA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION. 1. *Assumption of EPZA's Powers and Functions by PEZA.* All the powers, functions and responsibilities of EPZA as provided under its Charter, Presidential Decree No. 66, as amended, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the powers, functions and responsibilities of the PEZA, as mandated under Republic Act No. 7916, shall hereafter be assumed and exercised by the PEZA. Henceforth, the EPZA shall be referred to as the PEZA.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Funds, Unexpended Appropriations, Properties, Equipment, Assets, Records, Choses in Action, and Other Rights.* All funds, unexpended appropriations, properties, equipment, assets, records, choses in action, and other rights of the EPZA and the other export processing and/or special economic zones under its control and supervision are hereby transferred to the PEZA.

For this purpose, the PEZA Director-General shall constitute a special committee which shall, with the assistance of the Commission on Audit, and as soon as practicable, but not later than ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this order, conduct a complete accounting, physical inventory and audit to determine and ascertain the amount, value, description and nature of such funds, unexpended appropriation, properties, equipment, assets, records, choses in action, and other rights prior to said transfer, including the liability or accountability, if any, of personnel who are charged with the safekeeping, custody, management or administration of the same.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity of Contracts and Agreements.* – All lawful and binding contracts, agreements, obligation and liabilities entered into by the EPZA prior to the effectivity of this Order shall remain in full force and effect and shall be respected and recognized unless otherwise terminated, modified or amended for lawful cause by the PEZA Board, upon recommendation of the Director General.

SEC. 4. *Structure and Staffing Pattern.* – The Director-General shall, with the approval of the PEZA Board, determine and prescribe the organizational structure, staffing pattern and personnel complement of the PEZA. All permanent personnel of the EPZA, or any government office within the ecozone may continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits in a holdover capacity unless in the meantime they are separated from the government service.

The services of temporary, casual and/or contractual personnel shall, unless renewed and subject to the terms of the following section, be deemed terminated after receipt of thirty (30 days) notice thereof.

SEC. 5. *Separated Officers and Employees Benefits.* – Permanent officers and employees of the EPZA and its various export processing/special economic zones whose positions are not included or incorporated under the new organizational structure and staffing pattern of the PEZA, or whose services are not retained, as well as those who voluntarily opt to retire, shall receive separation pay and such retirement and other benefits regulations. Provided, that in no case shall the separation pay be less than one and one-fourth (1 1/4) months for every year of service.

SEC. 6. *Affected Government-Owned Industrial Estates and Similar Bodies.* – Affected government-owned industrial estates and similar bodies referred to under Section 46 of Republic Act No. 7916 shall continue operations under their respective organic charters until the PEZA shall have set in place the mechanism for their absorption by the PEZA.

Members of the Boards of the foregoing industrial estates and similar bodies shall, unless otherwise directed by the PEZA Board, upon the recommendation of the Director-General, continue in office, in hold-over capacity, for a period of forty five (45) days from the date of this Order to wind up their affairs and provide for the smooth transition of their respective offices to the PEZA. The Chief Executive Officer or Administrator, together with management level personnel, of such industrial estates or similar bodies and such number of personnel who directly assist management as may be identified by the CEO or Administrator, with the concurrence of the PEZA Director General, may continue in hold over capacity, to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive their corresponding salaries and benefits therefor, subject to the terms of the preceding sections.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). [*Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300*]. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 283

GRANTING THE APEC-NOC AUTHORITY FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND EXEMPTION
FROM THE GOVERNING PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC BIDDING TO FAST-TRACK
THE ACQUISITION OF NECESSARY SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES
FOR THE 1996 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Philippines will host the 1996 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation annual meeting;

WHEREAS, the APEC-NOC Executive Committee and Secretariat have been organized and operationalized under Administrative Order No. 160;

WHEREAS, there is need to grant certain authorities and exemptions to fast-track the procurement of necessary supplies, as equipment and services for the preparation and actual undertaking of the APEC meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. The APEC-NOC Director General is hereby granted authority for procurement and the activation of a Procurement Committee with appropriate approving authority level of a Department Secretary.

Sec. 2. To fast-track the acquisition of necessary supplies, equipment and services for the APEC meeting, the APEC-NOC Executive Committee is hereby granted exemption from the governing rules on public bidding, subject to the relevant provisions of E.O. No. 301 entitled “Decentralizing Actions on Government Negotiated Contracts, Lease Contracts and Records Disposal”.

Sec. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 284
DECLARING CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF INTERNAL ARMED CONFLICTS AS PART OF A
PRIORITY SECTORS UNDER THE SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch is undertaking a comprehensive peace process along the so-called Six Paths to Peace as mandated under Executive Order No. 125;

WHEREAS, one the components of the comprehensive peace process is the undertaking of programs to address the legal status and security of former rebels, as well as community-based assistance programs for the economic, social and psychological rehabilitation needs of former rebels, demobilized combatants and civilian victims of internal armed conflicts;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen current government programs for civilian victims of internal armed conflicts;

WHEREAS, the Social Reform Agenda is a major agenda of the Government which has been formulated to ensure the minimum basic survival and security of identified disadvantaged sectors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION. 1. The priority sector of victims of disasters and calamities, whose concerns are being addressed under the Social Reform Agenda, shall include victims of man-made disasters such as internal armed conflicts. Henceforth, civilian victims of internal armed conflicts shall be treated a sub-sector under the priority sector of the victims and disasters and calamities.

SEC. 2. As victims of man-made disasters, civilian victims of internal armed conflicts shall be granted access to government assistance programs and services available under the Social Reform Agenda, to include the Flagship Program and Comprehensive Integrated Delivery of Social Services.

SEC. 3. The Chairman of the National Program for Unification and Development Council shall coordinate with the concerned Agency Champions for each of the Flagship Programs to ensure that the needs of civilian victims of internal armed conflicts are adequately addressed.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 285
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 202 (22 SEPTEMBER 1994)

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 902-A, the charter of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), mandates that the said Commission shall be under the “direct general supervision of the President;”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 202 (22 September 1994) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is hereby transferred from the office of the President to the Department of Finance (DOF) which shall henceforth exercise administrative supervision over the SEC.”

Section 2. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 202 (22 September 1994) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 2. The relationship between the DOF and the SEC shall be governed by Subsection 1 of Section 38, Chapter 7, Book IV of the Administrative Code.”

Section 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 286
REORGANIZING THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS)
AND THE LOCAL WATER AND UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION (LWUA) PURSUANT
TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8041, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL
WATER CRISIS ACT OF 1995

WHEREAS, as enunciated in Republic Act No. 8041, it is the “declared policy of the State to adopt urgent and effective measures to address the nationwide water crisis which adversely affects the health and well-being of the population, food production and industrialization process;”

WHEREAS, consistent with this policy, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 8041 authorized the President to revamp and reorganize the MWSS and the LWUA;

WHEREAS, the Joint Executive-Legislative Water Crisis Commission established under the same law has, after consulting representatives of the MWSS and the LWUA, proposed a reorganizational plan for the said agencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reorganization is consistent with the Administration’s framework for governance, having been designed to streamline and correct dysfunctions in the structure and operations of the MWSS and the LWUA to enable these agencies to become more effective, efficient and responsive to the country’s needs for portable water, as well as prepare the groundwork for their eventual privatization, where feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, consistent with the reorganization plan proposed by the Joint Executive-Legislative Water Crisis Commission, do hereby order:

Section 1. Framework and Objectives. The reorganization of the MWSS and LWUA shall be undertaken in the context of the Administration’s framework of governance. Accordingly, the role of the national government shall be to steer rather than row. It shall, to the extent possible, encourage the private sector to participate in the delivery of public goods through franchising, concession, management, privatization or other arrangements of the concerned agencies operations or facilities.

Prudence and restraint in the use of government resources shall be exercised. Efforts at streamlining and correcting dysfunctions in the operations and structures of the agencies concerned shall be undertaken to achieve more with less. The delivery of more effective, efficient and responsible public service shall be paramount.

Sec. 2. Reorganization Plan for the MWSS The MWSS shall be reorganized, as follows:

- 2.1. Officers.** The MWSS shall be headed by an Administrator who shall be its chief executive officer. He shall be assisted by two (2) Senior Deputy Administrators, one for Operations and Customers Service and another for Resource Development and Management. There shall, moreover, be four (4) Deputy Administrators, one (1) for Engineering and construction, one (1) for Finance and Administration, and two (2) for Customers Service.

The Senior Deputy Administrators and Deputy Administrators shall be appointed by the Board, upon the recommendation of the Administrator.

2.2. Organization and Management. The Administrator, with the assistance of his Senior Deputy Administrators, shall provide over-all direction and control over the operations and administration of MWSS.

(a) The Office of the Administrator shall have the following services and/or departments directly under its supervision:

- i. Corporate Planning Service
- ii. Internal Audit Service
- iii. Management Information Service
- iv. System Development Department
- v. Computer Service Department
- vi. Legal Department
- vii. Public Affairs Department

(b) The Office of the Senior Deputy Administrator for Operations and Customers Service shall be in charge of the operations and maintenance of the MWSS plants and other facilities, and the actual delivery of service to water users. It shall have direct supervision of the following departments:

- i. Water Production
- ii. Water Transmission and Meter Management
- iii. Sewerage

(c) To ensure more effective and responsive delivery of water services and increase revenues, Customers Service shall be divided into two Districts, each District to be headed by a Deputy Administrator. Each District shall have four service areas with each Area (or department) performing the following functions, as well as such other functions that may be assigned to it consistent with the purpose of decentralizing to ensure better public service:

- i. Revenue Generation, including meter installation and reading, billing and collection
- ii. Facilities Operation Maintenance and Improvement
- iii. Meter Management
- iv. Public Information

(d) The Office of the Senior Administrator for Resource Development and Management shall have direct supervision over the Deputy Administrators for Engineering and Construction, and for Administration and Finance.

(e) The Office of the Deputy Administrator for Engineering and Construction shall undertake planning and programming, monitoring, and evaluation of projects for the development and expansion of waterworks and sewerage facilities. Specifically, it shall have direct supervision over the following departments:

- i. Project Planning
- ii. Project Design
- iii. Applied Research and Quality Control

The same Deputy Administrator shall have direct supervision over the Project Management Office, which comprises a pool of project managers, presently consisting of five (5).

- (f) The Office of the Deputy Administrator for Finance and Administration shall be responsible for resource management and provision of administrative support services. It shall consist of the following departments:

- i. Accounting
- ii. Managerial Finance and Budget
- iii. Human Resource Development and Manpower Planning
- iv. General Services
- v. Personnel Management and Health Services
- vi. Treasury

- (g) The Table of Organization down to department level is provided for in Annex A.

- 2.3. **Authority to Revise the Number of Departments.** The MWSS is, subject to the approval of the President, authorized to revise the number of departments herein specified if and when the same becomes necessary by reason of a franchising, concession, privatization or other arrangements that will reduce the scope of its current operations and activities.

Sec. 3. Reorganization Plan for the LWUA. The LWUA is hereby reorganized, as follows:

Officers. The LWUA shall be headed by an Administrator who shall be its chief executive officer. He shall be assisted by a Senior Deputy Administrator. There shall, moreover, be three (3) Deputy Administrators, one (1) each for Finance, Administration and Area Operations. The Senior Deputy Administrators and Deputy Administrators shall be appointed by the Board, upon the recommendation of the Administrator.

Organization and Management. The Administrator, with the assistance of his Senior Deputy Administrator, shall provide over-all direction and control over the operations and administration of the LWUA.

- (a) The Office of the Administrator shall have direct supervision over the following departments:

- i. Internal Control
- ii. Management Services
- iii. Public Affairs

- (b) The Office of the Senior Deputy Administrator shall have direct supervision over the following departments:

- i. Special Projects
- ii. Legal
- iii. Water Resource Research and Training

The Senior Deputy Administrator shall also exercise supervision over the three (3) Deputy Administrators.

The Office of the Deputy Administrator for Finance shall be responsible for financial resources management and loans administration. Specifically, it shall have direct supervision over the following departments:

- i. Treasury
- ii. Accounting
- iii. Loans Administration
- iv. Water District Audit

- (d) The Office of the Deputy Administrator for Administration shall be primarily responsible for the provision of administrative services. It shall have direct supervision over the following departments:

- i. Human Resource Management
- ii. Property Management
- iii. General Services

The Office of the Deputy Administrator for Area Operations shall have direct supervision over nine (9) area managers who will be responsible for the following functions at the field level:

- i. Project Planning
- ii. Project Monitoring and Evaluation
- iii. Water District Development
- iv. Loans Evaluation

The Table of Organization down to department level is provided for in Annex “B”.

- 3.3. **Authority to Revise the Number of Departments.** The LWUA is, subject to the approval of the President, authorized to revise the number of departments herein specified if and when the same becomes necessary by reason of a franchising, concession, privatization or other arrangements that will reduce the scope of its current operations and activities.

Sec. 4. **Detailed Staffing.** The MWSS and LWUA are hereby directed to prepare their proposed detailed staffing or manning patterns accounting for all positions in the organization and the corresponding budgetary and resource rearrangements as may be necessary. They are, moreover, required to conduct a thorough personnel audit to determine their respective manpower requirements. An inventory of contracts of all contractual employees including casual and temporary employees shall also be made to determine the need for the continuation of their services.

The proposed staffing pattern shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for review not later than sixty (60) days from the date hereof. The DBM shall submit its recommendation to the President within thirty (30) days from receipt of the proposal but in no case later than ninety (90) days from the date hereof.

The revised staffing or manning pattern shall in no case exceed the number of existing authorized regular positions.

Sec. 5. Revised Compensation. The MWSS and the LWUA are hereby authorized to adopt a revised and upgraded position classification and compensation package for its officers and employees, subject to the following conditions:

- a. no diminution of the present salaries and benefits of MWSS and LWUA personnel;
- b. the revised rates of compensation shall be commensurate to the improved and efficient revenue collection of the agency concerned as determined by their respective Boards of Trustees;
- c. the adjusted rates shall not exceed industry and private sector rates of compensation;
- d. approval by the Board of Trustees of their respective budgets which must be sufficient to cover the proposed adjustments on compensation;
- e. the non-revenue water of the agency concerned shall in no case be more than forty percent (40%); and
- f. final approval of the President.

Sec. 6. Separation Pay. Any official or employee of the MWSS and LWUA who may be phased out by reason of the reorganization shall be entitled to such benefits as may be determined by existing laws. For this purpose, the MWSS, LWUA and DBM are hereby directed to study and propose schemes or measures to provide personnel who shall voluntarily retire from the service incentives and other benefits, including the possibility of accelerating the application of the revised compensation package under the Salary Standardization Law, Republic Act No. 6758. The recommendation should be submitted to the President not later than thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

Sec. 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect the day after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

References: Annexes A and B

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 287

MODIFYING THE RATES OF DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE 1996 PHILIPPINE SCHEDULE OF TARIFF REDUCTION UNDER THE NEW TIME FRAME OF THE ACCELERATED COMMON EFFECTIVE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF (CEPT) SCHEME FOR THE ASEAN FREE TRADE AREA (AFTA)

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 145, Series of 1993, the Philippines started the implementation of the CEPT tariff reductions effective 1 January 1994;

WHEREAS, at the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers held in Chiangmai, Thailand from 22-23 September 1994, the ASEAN member countries decided to accelerate the realization of AFTA from 2008 to 2003;

WHEREAS, during the same Meeting, the ASEAN Economic Ministers agreed on the elimination of the Temporary Exclusion List in five equal installments beginning 1 January 1996 and ending 1 January 2000 and on the inclusion of unprocessed agricultural products into the CEPT Scheme for AFTA;

WHEREAS, at the Special Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers held in Phuket, Thailand from 28-29 April 1995, the Ministers decided to phase-in all PTA products in the CEPT Scheme so that eventually there will be only a single trading arrangement in ASEAN;

WHEREAS, at the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam from 3-10 September 1995, the ASEAN Member Countries agreed that the starting date of the implementation of the tariff reduction schedule under the new time frame of the accelerated CEPT / AFTA be on 1 January 1996.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" (Articles Granted Concessions Under the CEPT / AFTA) hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be subject to the ASEAN Common Effective Preferential Tariff in accordance with the 1996 Schedule indicated in Column 4 of Annex "A". Implementation of the tariff reduction schedule for the succeeding years shall be subject to the issuance of separate implementing Executive Orders.

Sec. 2. The articles specifically listed in Annex "B" (Articles for Phasing-in the CEPT / AFTA) hereof shall be subject to the ASEAN rate in accordance with the 1996 Schedule indicated in Column 4 of Annex "B". Implementation of the tariff reduction schedule for the succeeding years shall be subject to the issuance of separate implementing Executive Orders.

Sec. 3. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic (MFN) Philippine rate of duty on any of the articles listed in Annexes "A" and "B" to a rate lower than the rate prescribed in Column 4 of said Annexes, such article shall automatically be accorded the corresponding reduced rate of duty.

Sec. 4. The Margins of Preference (MOPs) accorded under the ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements (PTA) shall no longer be extended to any of the products listed in Annexes “A” and “B” hereof.

Sec. 5. From the date of effectivity of this Order, all articles listed in Annexes “A” and “B” entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be imposed the rates of duty for 1996 herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as provided for in the Agreement on the CEPT Scheme for the AFTA signed on 28 January 1992.

Sec. 6. All decrees, orders, issuances, and rules and regulations, or paths thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect on 1 January 1996.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

References: Annexes “A” and “B”

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 288
MODIFYING THE NOMENCLATURE AND THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN
IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS
CODE OF 1978 (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464), AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), 1993-1998 focuses on global competitiveness and people empowerment as the twin strategy towards achieving sustainable economic and human development;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve global competitiveness, the said Plan stipulates that the Government should continue to undertake the import liberalization and the tariff reform programs towards achieving a structure which approximates uniform effective levels of trade and industrial protection across various sectors of the economy;

WHEREAS, during the Economic Caucus held on 22 July 1993 and the People's Economic Summit on 8 September 1993, it was agreed to further liberalize trade policy through tariff reform and import liberalization;

WHEREAS, as declared in the State of the Nation Address delivered on 25 July 1994, the government "will continue, if not accelerate, the program to reduce tariffs until these reach one uniform rate" to improve the competitiveness of local industries;

WHEREAS, the reduction in tariff levels and in the spread of tariff rates towards a uniform level of protection across all sectors will promote global competitiveness, simplify the tariff structure for ease of customs administration and provide a level playing field for local manufacturers vis-à-vis foreign competition;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 264 issued on 22 July 1995 which took effect as of 28 August 1995 implemented the tariff reduction program on industrial products under Chapters 25-97 of the Tariff Code;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further modify tariff rates on certain products in the said Executive Order as well as include specific items not covered therein;

WHEREAS, a parallel tariff reduction program on agricultural products under Chapter 1-14 of the Tariff Code had to be put in place;

WHEREAS, NEDA Resolution No. 3 (s. 1995) dated 14 February 1995 unanimously approved the adoption by the Philippines of the 1992 amendments to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System;

WHEREAS, Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978 (Presidential Decree No. 1464), as amended, empowers the President to increase, reduce or remove existing protective rates or import duty as well as to modify the form of duty upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION. 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex “A” hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be subject to the rates of import duty in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex.

SEC. 2. A two-tiered tariff structure of 3% and 10% for raw materials and finished products, respectively, as listed in Annex “A” hereof, shall be fully implemented by 1 January 2003. The details of such tariff structure shall be prepared and submitted to the President of the NEDA in accordance with Section 401 of the same Code.

SEC. 3. Starting 1 January 2004, a uniform rate of 5% ad valorem shall be imposed on articles listed in Annex “A” hereof.

SEC. 4. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles specifically listed in the aforesaid Annex “A” which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SEC. 5. All Presidential issuances, administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect 30 days following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex A

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 289
PROVIDING LAND FOR THE PHILIPPINE TRADE CENTER IN
ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7844

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Republic Act No. 7844, otherwise, known as the “Export Development Act of 1994” (The “EDA LAW”), mandates that the Government, in order to assist the private sector in the establishment of Philippine Trade Centers, “shall provide the land for the center, through a land grant or a long-term lease to the accredited organization”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above mandate, the National Government has opted to provide land for the center through a long-term lease to the accredited organization;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc. (PHILEXPORT), a non-profit, non-stock corporation, is the single umbrella organization of exporters currently accredited by the Export Development Council (EDC) pursuant to R.A. No. 7844 to represent the export sector’s concerns and interest;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in its capacity as the lead government agency in the Export Development Council and as the government agency tasked under R.A. No. 7844 to prepare the Philippine Export Development Plan, has identified the reclaimed land presently occupied and conveyed under, Executive Order (EO) No. 989 to the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM) formerly Philippine Trade Exhibition Center (PTEC) a DTI attached agency under EO No. 133 as amended by EO No. 242 as the ideal site for the construction of the Philippine Trade Center, which will house the trade promotion offices and permanent exhibition center for the country’s export products;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 989 has not been implemented as the title to the aforesaid land has been held by the Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC) pursuant to a contract, dated November 20, 1973, executed by and between the Republic of the Philippines and PNCC, then known as CDCP, as well as the certificates of pledge, dated March 10, 1976 and April 6, 1977, wherein the National Government thru the Department of Public Work and Highways (DPWH) guaranteed the right of PNCC to possess and own certain parcels of reclaimed land, among them the following:

A. A portion of Lot 3, Block 1, RL-04-000001, with an area of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven (49,997) square meters, more or less, now covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 34996 of the Registry of Deeds for Metro Manila District IV.

B. Under Certificate of Pledge No. 3 dated April 6, 1977, the remaining portion of that parcel of land identified and described as Lot 3, Block I, RL-04-000001, with an area of Six Hundred Forty Five (645) square meters, more or less, bringing the total area of said parcel of land pledge to PNCC to Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two (50,642) square meters, more or less, which is more particularly described as follows:

“A parcel of land Lot. 3, Block 1 of RL-04-000001 situated in Pasay City, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the North by a road with a right of way of 64.00 meters, on the East by Roxas Boulevard on the South and West by a road with a right of way of 23.00 and 45.00 meters, respectively. Beginning at a point marked ‘1’ on plan being S 02 37’W, 1004.30 meters from CBM No. 2, City of Manila. Thence S 76 deg. 49 min. W, 310.43 meters to point ‘2’; thence N. 13 deg. 11 min. W, 150.92 meters to point ‘3’; thence N 72 deg. 19 min. E, 311.39 meters to point ‘4’; thence S 13 deg. 11 min. E, 174.35 meters to point of beginning. Containing an area of FIFTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY TWO (50,642) SQUARE METERS, more or less.”

WHEREAS, pursuant to that Memorandum of Agreement executed by and between the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Asset Privatization Trust (APT), on one hand, and PNCC, on the other, dated August 15, 1995, the latter unconditionally and irrevocably assigned all its rights, title to, and interest in the above-described parcel of reclaimed land, part of which is now covered by TCT No. 34996, in favor of DOF and APT;

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1995, the Department of Finance and the Asset Privatization Trust executed a Deed of Assignment in favor of the Bureau of Treasury, assigning all its rights, title to and interest in the above-described parcel of land covered by TCT No. 34996 and the remaining portion of reclaimed land consisting of 645 square meters, more or less;

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the DOF, APT, and PNCC and the Deed of Assignment executed by DOF and APT in favor of the Bureau of Treasury have been approved by the Committee on Privatization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 15 of RA No. 7844, or the EDA Law, the above-described parcel of land owned by the National Government consisting of Fifty-Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two (50,642) square meters, more or less, a portion of which is covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 34996 registered in the name of the Republic of the Philippines, is hereby made available for long-term lease to the export organization duly accredited by the Export Development Council (EDC) to represent the export sector’s concerns and interests.

SEC. 2. For and in behalf of the National Government, the Secretary of Trade and Industry (DTI) is hereby authorized to negotiate, sign, and execute a long-term lease contract over said land, or a substantial portion thereof with PhilExport, the incumbent accredited export organization which, under the EDA law, shall represent the export sector’s concerns and interests for a term of three (3) years. Said lease agreement shall be made assignable to the next export organization duly accredited by the EDC after the end of the term of PhilExport.

SEC. 3. To further support the operations of the duly accredited organization, the lease rate for said land shall be fixed at One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) a year. The leased land shall house the Philippine Trade Center and other such complexes, including the World Trade Center, to serve primarily as the venue for international exhibitions for promotion of products from the Philippines.

SEC. 4. In furtherance of its functions under Section 12 letter (d) of R.A. No. 7844 the duly accredited export organization may enter into a sublease of said land with organizations or firms for the setting up of the Philippine Trade Center and may include the World Trade Center provided that, the revenues earned by the duly accredited export organization or PhilExport from the lease

rental and other operations of the Center shall be used solely for the development and promotion of exports in accordance with the provisions of R.A. no. 7844.

SEC. 5. The accredited organization shall render a regular report to the EDC on the use of said funds. The EDC shall oversee the use of the funds by the accredited export organization and shall formulate guidelines to ensure its proper utilization within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Order.

SEC. 6. The capital structure of CITEM under E.O. 989 is hereby modified to comply with the provisions of this Executive Order on said parcels of land. The Board of Governors of CITEM shall implement, determine and approve such modification.

SEC. 7. All executive orders, particularly the provisions in Executive Order No. 989 referring to the above-described parcels of land owned by the National Government or TCT No. 34996, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby deemed amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. The provisions of this executive order are hereby declared to be separable, and in the event any one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 9. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1995). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 290
THIRD YEAR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SALARY
SCHEDULE IN THE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the government has adopted the new Salary Schedule contained in Joint Senate-House of Representatives Resolution No. 1, s. 1994 which shall be implemented within four (4) years or not later than 1997;

WHEREAS, the new Salary Schedule was partially implemented in 1994 and 1995 in accordance with Executive Orders No. 164 and 218;

WHEREAS, the amount of P19 billion is appropriated in the FY 1996 General Appropriations Act to cover, among others, the adjustment in basic salary of government personnel as authorized by said Joint Resolution for the third year implementation of the new Salary Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, P.D. 985, P.D. 1597 and RA 6758 as amended, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. Third Interim Salary Schedules. The Department of Budget and Management is hereby directed to implement the attached Third Interim Salary Schedules (TISSs) for civilian and for uniformed personnel effective January 1, 1996 reflecting an increase in basic salary of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month or thirty per cent (30%) of the difference between the actual salary as of December 31, 1995 and the salary rate of government personnel under the new Salary Schedule contained in the aforecited Joint Resolution, whichever is higher. Where the difference is less than P1,000.00 the full amount of the difference shall be given.

Heads of all National Government Agencies (NGAs) including Government-Owned and/or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) shall not grant salary increase in excess of the amount herein authorized.

SECTION 2. Coverage and Exemption. This Order shall cover only those officials and employees of the NGAs, GOCCs, GFIs, and LGUs whose basic salaries conform to the Second Interim Salary Schedule prescribed under Executive Order No. 218. Officials and employees of agencies which are exempt from the Position Classification and Compensation System and/or do not follow the Salary Schedule prescribed for government employees are not entitled to the salary increase authorized herein.

SECTION 3. Continuation of Personnel Economic Relief Allowance and Additional Compensation. The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance and Additional Compensation authorized under RA 7078 and Administrative Order No. 53, respectively, shall continue to be paid as allowances and not integrated into the basic pay.

SECTION 4. Allowances and Benefits Based on Percentage of Basic Salaries. Notwithstanding the salary increase authorized herein, there shall be no increase in the present allowances and benefits of officials and employees of GOCCs and GFIs which are based on percentage of their basic salaries.

SECTION 5. Funding Source. The funding sources for the amounts necessary to implement the TISS shall be as follows:

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- a. For NGAs, the amount shall be charged against the appropriations set aside for the purpose in the 1996 General Appropriations Act and from their savings. Thereafter, such amounts as are needed shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act;
 - b. For GOCCs and GFIs, the amount shall be charged against their respective corporate funds; and
 - c. For LGUs, the amount shall be charged against their respective local funds.

GOCCs, GFIs and LGUs which do not have adequate or sufficient funds to pay the salary increase prescribed herein shall only partially implement the established rates: ***Provided***, That any partial implementation shall be uniform and proportionate for all positions in each corporate entity and local government unit.

SECTION 6. Applicability to Certain Constitutional Officials. Pursuant to Section 10 of Article VI and Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution, the salary increase prescribed herein for the President, Vice-President, Senators and Members of the House Representatives shall take effect only on July 1, 1998.

SECTION 7. Implementing Guidelines. The Department of Budget and Management shall prepare and issue the necessary guidelines for the implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect January 1, 1996.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 291
IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System was established to facilitate the attainment and maintenance of a rational and orderly balance between socio-economic growth and environmental protection;

WHEREAS, the integration of the EIS System early into the project development cycle would enhance and promote its desired function as a planning tool for sustainable economic development and environmental planning and conservation;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to further strengthen the Environmental Management Bureau's and the DENR Regional Office's capabilities to effectively and efficiently accomplish their mandate in relation to the protection of the environment, in general, and the EIS System, in particular;

WHEREAS, the continued updating and improvement of the Philippine EIS System is vital to expedite the National Government's efforts to make the delivery of vital infrastructure to the country faster and be consistent with the principles of sustainable development;

WHEREAS, a systematic and cohesive EIS System shall ensure that national development goals are achieved as planned and without delay;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State that optimum economic development shall be achieved without delay and shall be pursued consistent with the principles of sustainable development. Hence, the State shall ensure that the present generation meets its needs without compromising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs.

SEC. 2. *Simultaneous Conduct of the Environmental Impact Study and Feasibility Study.* To maximize the use of resources, project proponents are hereby directed to simultaneously conduct the environmental impact study and the feasibility study of the proposed project. Proponents are urged to use simultaneous conduct of the environmental impact study and the feasibility study as a planning tool, with the end in view of minimizing or managing adverse environmental impacts of the proposed activity.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of In-house Environmental Units in All Implementing Agencies.*

Consistent with Section 4 (Environmental Impact Statements) of PD 1151 and upon approval of the Department of Budget and Management, National Government agencies, government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and government financial institutions (GFIs) are encouraged to create their respective environmental units (EUs). However, all agencies, whose mandate includes the introduction of physical plants and infrastructure, are required to create their respective EUs. The costs attendant to the establishment of these units shall be within the respective approved budgetary ceilings of the concerned agencies, corporations, and institutions.

The functions of the above-mentioned units are as follows:

The EUs of national government agencies and GOCCs shall assist in the preparation of EIS, ensure that their respective agencies/GOCCs meet the procedural requirements of the EIS System, facilitate the securing of the ECCs of their respective projects and, upon securing the ECC, shall ensure the project's compliance with the conditions of the ECC.

- ii. The EUs of the GFIs shall ensure that loan or related funding applications of government and private institutions have complied with the EIS System.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) shall monitor compliance with the ECC, and be in-charge of the formulation, dissemination and enforcement of policies on environmental standards and compliance monitoring.

SEC. 4. *Continuous Strengthening of the Environmental Impact Assessment Capability of the DENR.*

The importance of environmental impact assessment in pursuing balanced economic growth will have to be supported by continuing efforts to further upgrade DENR-EMB's and DENR Regional Office's capabilities to undertake fast and efficient review of EIS. These efforts shall include but are not limited to the expansion of the EIA Review Committee members and setting their honoraria within the limits and qualifications set forth by DBM National Compensation Circulars.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* All orders, issuances, circulars, rules and regulations or portions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292
CONSTITUTING A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT IN
THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE OFFICIALS FROM
THE RANK OF SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT TO DIRECTOR GENERAL

WHEREAS, the President is empowered under Republic Act No. 6975 to appoint Philippine National Police (PNP) officials from the rank of Senior Superintendent to Director General;

WHEREAS, considering the highly sensitive nature of the said positions, it is imperative for the President, with the assistance of an outside advisory committee, to thoroughly evaluate and review the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to the said positions;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Philippines has expressed its desire and readiness to assist the President in the selection of the said PNP officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. A Consultative Committee to advise the President in the Appointment of PNP officials from the rank of Senior Superintendent to Director General is hereby constituted with the following as members:

- a. A Private Sector Representative to be designated by the President;
- b. Two (2) members of the Senate to be designated by the Senate President;
- c. Two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be designated by the Speaker of the House;
- d. The Chairman of the National Police Commission;
- e. The Presidential Adviser on Police Matters, and
- g. The Chief, Presidential Legal Counsel.

The private sector representative shall chair the Committee.

SEC. 2. Recommendations for appointment of PNP officers from the rank of Senior Superintendent to Deputy Director General shall be coursed by the PNP Director General to the President through the Consultative Committee. The Consultative Committee shall review and evaluate the proposed appointments and submit its recommendations to the President within thirty (30) from receipt of the same. Candidates for the position of Director General shall be evaluated and recommended to the President by the Consultative Committee within thirty (30) days from the time a vacancy occurs in the said Office.

SEC. 3. The Consultative Committee is hereby authorized to constitute a Secretariat to be composed of employees detailed from member offices and other government agencies as may be deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee is hereby empowered to require the assistance of all government offices in the exercise of its assigned functions.

SEC. 4. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Order shall be sourced by the Department of Budget and Management in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposal of the Office of the President.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 293
STREAMLINING THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL OPERATIONS OF THE
AGENCIES ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

WHEREAS, two important Cabinet workshops have been held to assess Government performance as well as the organizational strengths and weaknesses of each department in relation to present challenges and opportunities;

WHEREAS, a consensus was reached during these workshops that the accomplishments and performance of the President and the Government are not being proactively and adequately communicated to the people, thereby creating a gap between public perception and reality in the field;

WHEREAS, the task of informing and communicating is a responsibility of all departments, particularly in their respective jurisdictions, with the Office of the Press Secretary (OPS) acting as the lead agency in communicating the accomplishments, reports and activities of the Presidency and the Executive Branch;

WHEREAS, one of the actions as a result of the workshops is the promulgation of Memorandum Order No. 327 constituting Task Forces on Communicating National Reforms and Development;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 327 tasks the Press Secretary, among many others, to provide administrative and technical secretariat support as well as necessary media coordination for the above Task Forces;

WHEREAS, there is a need to streamline the present organizational and functional operations of all agencies attached to the Office of the Press Secretary to enable it to perform these crucial tasks more effectively and efficiently;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Coverage. The attached agencies covered by this Executive Order are as follows:

- a. Bureau of Broadcast Services
- b. News and Information Bureau, including the Philippine News Agency
- c. Bureau of Communication Services
- d. National Printing Office
- e. Philippine Information Agency
- f. RPN-9
- g. IBC-13
- h. PTNI or PTV-4
- i. Presidential Broadcast Staff (RTVM)
- j. OPS Proper

SEC. 2. Streamlining. The Press Secretary shall exercise direct supervision and control over all OPS attached agencies in all matters relating to informing and communicating to the public the achievements, reports, programs and activities of the President and Government.

As such, the Press Secretary may:

- a. Recruit the honest and the brightest professionals to constitute the print, radio and television composite team which will provide the technical support to and media coordination for the Task Forces and their media activities;
- b. Direct bureau directors and network general managers as well as their key personnel to report to the OPS Proper as often as the Press Secretary deems necessary to discuss media policy guidelines which have to be carried out in support of the Presidency, the Executive Branch and the Government;
- c. Recommend the employment and development of personnel in each agency in pursuance of the overall goal of mobilizing government instrumentalities towards one common direction in the attainment of our shared vision of “Philippine 2000!!!”; and
- d. Organizationally and functionally streamline the operations of the agencies, effect economies of scale, and implement cost-cutting measures, where necessary, in the pursuance of greater productivity and coordination.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. Executive Order No. 297, series of 1987, and other rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED in the City of Manila, this 15th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 293-A
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 293 BY EXCLUDING CHANNELS 9 AND 13
FROM THE SCOPE AND COVERAGE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, government wishes to dispel any doubt on its intention over Channel 9 and 13;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 286 has created Sequestered Assets Disposition Authority (SADA) to formulate and implement a program for the disposition of assets transferred to the Authority by the PCGG;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 149 has transferred SADA to PCGG;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino people and the Constitution do hereby order:

Section 1. Exec. Order No. 293 is hereby amended by excluding from the scope and coverage thereof Channel 9 and 13;

Section 2. Said stations shall remain under the direct control and supervision of the Presidential Commission on Good Government;

Section 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Approved in the City of Manila this 13th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 294

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 289 (S. 1995) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
CONTROL MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT
IN THE LAND TO BE USED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE
TRADE CENTER AND TO ADDRESS THE EXPORT SECTOR'S CONCERNS
AND INTERESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7844

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 289 (s. 1995) directs the provision of land for the establishment of the Philippine Trade Center, including the World Trade Center through a long-term lease to the export organization accredited by the Export Development Council in accordance with Section 15 of Republic Act No. 7844, otherwise known as the "Export Development Act of 1994" (EDA);

WHEREAS, it is necessary to institute additional measures to safeguard the interest of the Government in the land to be leased to the EDC-accredited export organization, as well as to address the export sector's concerns and interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. The following sections of Executive Order No. 289 (s. 1995), entitled "Providing Land for the Philippine Trade Center in Accordance with Republic Act No. 7844," are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 15 of R.A. No. 7844, or the EDA Law, the above-described parcel of land owned by the National Government consisting of Fifty-Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two (50,642) square meters, more or less, a portion of which is covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) no. 34996 registered in the name of the Republic of the Philippines, is hereby made available for long-term lease to the export organization duly accredited by the Export Development Council (EDC) to represent the export sector's concerns and interests; provided, that the Department of Trade and Industry and its attached agencies shall be indemnified for the fixed improvements on said parcel of land belonging to the latter which may be demolished or damaged by the Lessee or Sub-Lessee, as the case may be, with the establishment of the Philippine Trade Center, including the World Trade Center.

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"SEC. 4. In furtherance of its functions under Section 12 letter (d) of R.A. No. 7844, the duly accredited export organization may enter into a sublease of said land with organizations or firms for the setting up of the Philippine Trade Center and may include

the World Trade Center, provided that the terms and conditions of such sub-lease, as well as any charges thereof, shall be subject to the prior approval of the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry; and provided further that the revenues earned by the duly accredited export organization from lease rental and other operations of the Center shall be used solely for the development and promotion of exports in accordance with the provision of R.A. No. 7844.

“SEC. 5. The accredited export organization shall be accountable to the EDC for the use of all revenues, including sub-lease rentals from operations of the Center, including the World Trade Center and shall render a regular report thereof, in a manner and frequency to be determined by the EDC. Towards this end the EDC shall formulate guidelines to ensure the proper utilization of the funds within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Order. Furthermore, the utilization of said sublease revenues shall be subject to a yearly budget review and prior approval by the EDC. Prior to disbursement, single large expenditures, the amount of which to be determined by the EDC, will be subject to prior approval by the EDC. The EDC shall likewise institute the appropriate auditing procedures for the use of such sub-lease revenues.

SEC. 2. All executive issuances, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby deemed amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this executive order are hereby declared to be separable and, in the event any one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 295

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE POLICY OF ALLOCATING A PORTION OF THE CALAMITY
FUND FOR TREE SEEDLING PROPAGATION, PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, the destruction to life property caused by floods and typhoons is aggravated by our denuded forests;

WHEREAS, tree seedling propagation, planting and maintenance can be undertaken as a disaster mitigating measure;

WHEREAS, such measures will also have a favorable impact on employment and agriculture and will promote the attainment of a balance economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Allocation of Calamity Fund. A portion of the national calamity fund is hereby set aside for tree seedling propagation, planting and maintenance.

SECTION 2. Determination of Disaster Vulnerable Area. The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), upon the recommendation of the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC), shall determine the high risk calamity areas which shall be given preference in the allocation of funds for this purpose.

SECTION 3. Priority Sectors. The following shall be given priority in the availment of the funds: 1) the veterans; 2) the senior citizens; 3) the marginalized upland farmers; 4) the indigenous cultural communities; and 5) the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. Procedure. The above-named priority sectors, or any of their duly accredited organization, shall submit their project proposal to their respective local government units (LGUs) for endorsement to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO-DENR), which shall in turn evaluate the project for submission to the NDCC Chairman.

SECTION 5. Monitoring. The Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) shall monitor the progress and utilization of the fund and shall submit a quarterly report thereof to the NDCC.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules. The Chairman, NDCC shall be charged with the implementation of the rules that will effectively carry out this order.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 296

**ORDERING THE DISMANTLING OF FISH CAGES, FISH PENS, FISH TRAPS AND
OTHER AQUA-CULTURE STRUCTURES IN TAAL LAKE AND THE PANSIPIT RIVER**

WHEREAS, Taal Lake has around 75 fish species, some of which are rare food delicacies, like Maliputo and Tawilis, which can be found only in this body of water and not in any other part of the world and, as such, should be given maximum protection in an environment that is conducive to their reproduction;

WHEREAS, the existence and proliferation of fish cages, fish pens, fish traps and other aqua-culture structures along Pansipit River and several areas in Taal Lake have:

- a Prevented small fish of such species from entering the said lake, through the Pansipit River, thus preventing the said marine species from propagating;
- b Polluted parts of the lake due to unconsumed feeds from fish cage culture and the indiscriminate disposal of empty plastic feeds bags in the lake;
Rendered the Pansipit River unnavigable, except by small bancas and;
- d Caused inundation of lakeshore areas during typhoons and continuous rains

WHEREAS, non-residents who are financing fish cage enterprises benefit much more from said fish cage industry than the local residents who serve only as caretakers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All fish cages, fish pens, fish traps, and other aqua-culture structures in Taal Lake and the Pansipit River, without any exceptions whatsoever, shall be dismantled and removed therefrom not later than 30 days from the promulgation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 2. A Task Force on the Dismantling of Fish Cages, Fish Pens, Fish Traps, and other Aqua-culture Structures in Taal Lake and the Pansipit River and Establishment of Permanent Fish Cage Zones in Taal Lake is hereby created as follows:

Co-Chairs:	Executive Director Presidential Commission on Tagaytay-Taal and Governor of Batangas
Members:	Regional Director, Region IV Department of Agriculture Regional Director, Region IV Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Director, Region IV

Department of the Interior and Local Government
Philippine National Police
Philippine Maritime Command
Mayors of the Municipalities around Taal Lake

SEC. 3. The Task Force shall have the following mandate, mission, tasks, and functions:

- a. Zone Taal Lake and identify areas within the Lake wherein permanent fish cages may be allowed.
- b. conduct a public information program about the official fish cage zones and the reasons why there is a need for such.
- c. Cause the dismantling of fish cages, fish pens, fish traps, and other aqua-culture structures in Taal Lake and the Pansipit River not later than 30 days from the promulgation of this Proclamation.
- d. Cause and assist in the establishment of locally-based Fish Cage Cooperatives that will henceforth own, manage, and benefit from the fish cage industry in Taal Lake.
- e. Devise and cause the establishment of a regular mechanism manned by existing national and local governmental agencies/units for sustaining the efforts of regulating the fish cage industry in Taal Lake.

SEC. 4. Funds needed for the fulfillment of the above mission, mandate, tasks, and functions shall come from the existing budgets of the above mentioned government agencies and units.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force until the above stated tasks shall have been fulfilled.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 297

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84 DATED 24 APRIL 1993, AS AMENDED BY EO 144, DATED 14 DECEMBER 1993 WHICH CREATED A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO FORMULATE SHORT AND LONG TERM PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAGAYTAY CITY AND ITS ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES AND THE TAAL VOLCANO ISLAND AND ITS SURROUNDING COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES

I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 84 dated 24 April 1993 as amended by EO 144 dated 14 December 1993 entitled “Creating a Presidential Commission to Formulate Short and Long Term Plans for the Development of Tagaytay City and its adjacent Municipalities and the Taal Volcano Island and its surrounding Coastal Municipalities”, by including the following as additional members:

Secretary of Agriculture	Member
Secretary of Social Welfare and Development	Member

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 298
PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE AND/OR INTERMEDIATE MODES OF
PRIVATIZATION PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION NO. 50 (S. 1986)

WHEREAS, the Asset Privatization Trust (APT) was created to take, for the benefit of the National Government, title to and possession of, conserve, provisionally manage and dispose of assets which have been identified for privatization and transferred to the APT;

WHEREAS, the APT, in its divestment program, should seek to restore, as soon as possible, existing physical facilities of the transferred assets into viable and productive operations under private sector management and ownership, and thus to contribute towards national economic recovery within the context of a private enterprise system and thereby generate maximum cash recovery for the National Government;

WHEREAS, the APT is authorized to conserve the transferred assets and to rehabilitate such assets if necessary to conserve their value or permit their sale, including, without limitation, to oversee the management and operation of corporations or other businesses constituting such assets, and to enter into such service agreements as may be necessary for such purpose;

WHEREAS, the APT has been accorded the widest latitude of flexibility and autonomy in its operations, particularly in the areas of accounting, auditing, procurement, contracting, asset management, disposition and personnel;

WHEREAS, the APT, after more than eight (8) years of existence, is left with assets which by their physical nature, technical obsolescence, legal impediments, or business prospects, are considered very difficult to dispose of by final sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Alternative and/or Intermediate Modes of Privatization. To enhance the assets transferred to the APT pursuant to Proclamation No. 50 (s. 1986) and/or maximize recovery therefrom, but without in any way impeding the speedy disposition of these assets, the APT is hereby authorized to enter into the following alternative modes of privatization and/or intermediate modes of privatization prior to the final disposal of the asset, particularly, but not limited to cases, where the asset is deemed marketable and shutdown or mothball costs approximate costs of operation, or where preservation of factor inputs, such as technical skills or contractual relations including franchises, is deemed necessary:

- 1 Joint Venture – whereby the APT arranges for the APT-held asset to carry on a specific business enterprise with another person/entity for their mutual benefit, using their combined funds, land resources, facilities and services, either through a joint venture corporation or as separate personalities. Thereafter, the joint venture project is privatized or referred to the proper government agency for implementation in accordance with Section 23, paragraph 2 of Proclamation No. 50 (s. 1986);

B-O-T Schemes – whereby the APT finds proponents who will undertake infrastructure and/or development projects using the APT-held asset, under any of the arrangements provided for under Republic Act No. 6957, as amended, which project is then referred to the proper government agency for implementation in accordance with Section 23, paragraph 2 of Proclamation No. 50 (s. 1986)

Management Contract – whereby a corporation undertakes to manage or operate all or substantially all of the business of an APT-held asset. This contract may also be designated as a service contract or operating agreement;

- 1.4 Lease-Purchase – whereby the lessee of an APT-held asset would have the right to purchase the same. The price and terms of the purchase must be set forth for the option to be valid, which option may run for the length of the lease period; and

Securitization – whereby the form of the APT-held asset is changed or modified, such as from physical form to equities or certificate of participation, subject to Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7886.

Section 2. **Applicability of Laws and Regulations.** The exercise by the APT of its authority to enter into the foregoing alternative and/or intermediate modes of privatization shall be subject to the pertinent laws and regulations.

At the expiration of the term of the APT, all contracts and other obligations created through the foregoing alternative and/or intermediate modes of privatization shall be handled by the special committee to be created by the President pursuant to Republic Act No. 7886.

Section 3. **Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 299

**DIRECTING THE NATIONAL AMNESTY COMMISSION TO CONDUCT VERIFICATION,
PROCESSING, AND DETERMINATION OF THE LIST OF RAM-SFP-YOU MEMBERS
WHO ARE TO BE GRANTED AMNESTY UNDER PROCLAMATION NO. 723**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the General Agreement for Peace dated October 13, 1995, signed between the Government Panel Negotiating with the Military Rebels (GRP Panel) and the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa-Soldiers of the Filipino People-Young Officers' Union (RAM-SFP-YOU), the Government issued Proclamation No. 723 for members of the RAM-SFP-YOU who are included in a list to be mutually agreed upon by both parties to the agreement;

WHEREAS, pending congressional concurrence, there is a need to ascertain that those to be covered by the grant of amnesty are *bona fide* military rebels and qualified therefor;

WHEREAS, the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) is the agency to which the power to grant amnesty has been delegated under the terms of Proclamation No. 347 dated March 25, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Amnesty Commission (NAC) is hereby directed to conduct the verification, processing, and final determination, within sixty (60) days from issuance of this Executive Order, of the qualifications of the persons included in the list of RAM-SFP-YOU members and supporters who shall be covered by the grant of amnesty under Proclamation No. 723.

SEC. 2. The NAC shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the mandate of the foregoing section, subject to the following guidelines:

- a. Pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Agreement to the General Agreement on Peace, and in consideration of the Preliminary Agreement dated December 23, 1992, in which both the Government and the RAM-SFP-YOU expressly agreed to a complete cessation of hostilities, no act or crime committed during the period from December 24, 1992 to October 13, 1995 shall be covered by the grant of amnesty.
- b. The GRP Panel shall be responsible for ensuring that the list of RAM-SFP-YOU members to be granted amnesty is mutually agreed upon by both the Government and the RAM-SFP-YOU.
- c. The list of qualified members of the RAM-SFP-YOU shall state the acts/crimes which are the basis of the grant of amnesty.

SEC. 3. The GRP Panel, the Department of Justice, Department of National Defense, Department of Interior and Local Government, and all other government agencies, are hereby required to coordinate with and assist the NAC in the accomplishment of the foregoing function.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 301 - 440]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 300
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 234 DATED 07 APRIL 1995
WHICH ESTABLISHED THE GINGOOG BAY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 234 was issued on 07 April 1995 establishing the Gingoog Bay Development Council (GBDC);

WHEREAS, said Executive Order (EO) mandated GBDC to, among others, formulate and implement short-and long-term plans for the area covered by Gingoog Bay and surrounding municipalities of Balingoan, Talisayan, Medina and Gingoog City, as well as to address policy, planning and implementation issues, and to coordinate and integrate all environment and natural resources management of related government and non-government activities in Gingoog Bay area; and

WHEREAS, the same EO designated the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources as Chair of said council;

WHEREAS, it is deemed more appropriate that the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development of Region 10 should chair the Gingoog Bay Development Council, it being within his area of concern/responsibility, and for reasons of facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 234, specifically Section I thereof, to read as follow:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created, under the Office of the President, the Gingoog Bay Development Council, hereinafter referred as the “Council”, composed of the following:

Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region X	Chair
Secretary, Department of Agriculture	Vice-Chair
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Member
The Executive Secretary, Office of the President	Member
Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government	Member
Governor of Misamis Oriental	Member
Mayors of the concerned Local Government Units	Member
Three (3) Representatives from the private sector; one from a non-government organization, one from a fishing cooperative or fisherfolk/people’s organizations and one from agri-business sector.	Member

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

All provisions of Executive Order No. 234, Series of 1995, not inconsistent herewith shall remain in effect.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 126 - 300]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 301

TRANSFERRING THE KALINGA SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (KSDA) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND) TO THE CORDILLERA EXECUTIVE BOARD-CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CEB-CAR) TO EFFECT ITS ABOLITION

WHEREAS, the government is committed to pursue its policy of decentralization, as embodied in the Local Government Code of 1991, as much as it is committed to streamline the bureaucracy by adopting a homogenous grouping of functionally-related government agencies;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 149 dated 28 December 1993 transferred the Kalinga Special Development Authority (KSDA) to the Department of National Defense (DND) for policy and program coordination/integration and/or administrative supervision prior to its eventual abolition;

WHEREAS, in the course of the KSDA's attachment to the DND, it has been observed that the thrust, functions, and activities of the KSDA are not aligned with the thrust, functions, and activities of the DND;

WHEREAS, the KSDA and the CEB-CAR share the same objective of hastening the economic growth and development of Kalinga;

WHEREAS, the CEB-CAR attested to its functional alignment with the KSDA through a resolution wherein it expressed its willingness to assume supervision and control of the KSDA;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to transfer the KSDA from the DND to the CEB-CAR to effect the mainstreaming of the current programs and projects of the KSDA with those of existing government instrumentalities in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) prior to the abolition of the KSDA; and

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. DISPOSITIVE ACTION. The KSDA is hereby transferred from the DND to the CEB-CAR. The CEB-CAR shall prepare and effect the eventual abolition of the KSDA.

SEC. 2. SCOPE OF TRANSFER. The transfer shall include the KSDA's functions, records, equipment, facilities, assets and liabilities, personnel, and remaining 1996 appropriation for personnel services. The CEB-CAR shall use the funds allocated to KSDA from the 1996 budget of the DND.

SEC. 3. MODE OF TRANSFER. The CEB-CAR shall immediately prepare and subsequently implement a Function Rationalization and Integration Plan (FRIP) to complete the abolition of the KSDA, as previously contemplated under Executive Order No. 149.

SEC. 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any provisions of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 5. *REPEALING CLAUSE.* All executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby either revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *EFFECTIVITY.* This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least one (1) national newspaper of general publication.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). [*Executive Order Nos.: 301 - 440*]. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 302
PROVIDING POLICIES, GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS/SUPPLIES BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the present policies, guidelines, rules and regulations covering contracts for the procurement of goods/supplies for project-related and normal/regular operations and maintenance activities of the National Government appear to be, generally, fragmented;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public service, the procurement of goods/supplies by the National Government must be based on the public economy;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the continuous increase in development projects, operations and maintenance requirements of the National Government, contracts for the procurement of goods/supplies have substantially increased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. A set of rules and regulations covering contracts for the procurement of goods and supplies for both project-related and normal/regular operation and maintenance activities of the National Government be adopted for the following purposes:

- to purchase goods of acceptable quality at fair and reasonable prices from qualified and capable suppliers/manufacturers/distributors, with on time delivery and satisfactory compliance of all contract terms and conditions;
- b. to assure fair and equitable treatment of suppliers/manufacturers/distributors including arrangements for prompt payments;
- c. to accomplish procurement through open competitive bidding in the interest of economy and efficiency; *and*
- d. to maintain and collect data for refinement of procurement policies and procedures based on experiences gained.

SEC. 2. Levels of approving authority for contracts involving the procurement of goods/supplies for project-related and normal/regular operations and maintenance activities of all agencies of the National Government shall be as prescribed under the pertinent provisions of Executive Order Nos. 301 and 380 dated 26 July 1987 and 27 November 1989, respectively.

SEC. 3. To ensure efficiency and equitable treatment, awarding of contracts shall be done through public/open competitive bidding unless another type of procurement method is necessary as prescribed under the implementing rules and regulations of this EO.

SEC. 4. There shall be a Prequalification, Bid and Award Committee which shall be responsible for the conduct of bidding in each and every agency, subdivision and instrumentality of the National

Government including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations to be composed of the following:

Chairman	At least third ranking official of the agency
Executive Officer and Secretary	Legal Officer of the Agency
Members	One (1) regular technical member and at least two (2) provisional members with knowledge of the project who shall be designated by the head of the agency concerned.
Observer	One (1) representative from the Commission of Audit
Private Sector Representatives	One (1) representative each from: Philippine Chamber of Commerce Industry End-user group or non-government organization to be designated by the Head of office/agency/corporation concerned Both representatives shall serve only as observers.

SEC. 5. The primary function of the Committee shall be:

1. conduct bidding;
2. evaluate bidding results; and
3. recommend award of contract.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Infrastructure (INFRACOM) of the NEDA Board shall, subject to the approval of the President, formulate and promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 7. All Presidential directives, issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. If any provision of this Executive Order and its implementing rules and regulations is held invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and continue in operation.

SEC. 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 303

**DECLARING AND DELINEATING THE PUERTO PRINCESA CITY PORT ZONE UNDER THE
ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Port of Puerto Princesa City is one of the major and busiest ports in the country;

WHEREAS, there is need to expand the Port of Puerto Princesa City for planning purposes to accommodate projected increases in port traffic and program the development of the necessary port facilities to support the increasing demands of the shipping trade within the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Puerto Princesa is hereby expanded and particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at point 1 on the plan, thence to point 2 at a distance of 7 meters with bearing S39.5°0’0”W, thence to point 3 at a distance of 7 meters with bearing S6.9°0’0”, thence to point 4 at a distance of 66 meters with bearing S36°0’0”W, thence to point 5 at a distance of 220 meters with bearing S34°0’0”W, thence to point 6 at a distance of 800 meters with bearing N50°59’07”W, thence to point 7 at a distance of 608.51 meters with bearing N38°20’25.5”, thence to point 8 at a distance of 710 meters with bearing S50°46’59”E, thence to point 9 at a distance of 19.84 meters with bearing S38°12’15”E, thence to point 10 at a distance of 6 meters with bearing S53°57’06”W, thence to point 11 at a distance of 102.85 meters with bearing S24°44’37”E, thence to point 12 at a distance of 92.38 meters with bearing S49°35’45”W, thence to point 13 at a distance of 74.04 meters with bearing S46°08’57”W, thence to point 14 at a distance of 42.71 meters with bearing S44°57’43”W, thence to point 15 at a distance of 2.07 meters with bearing S36°32’14”E, thence to point of beginning at a distance of 47 meters with bearing S54°06’0”W, all in all comprising a total area of 479,615.03 square meters or less.”

SECTION 2. The Puerto Princesa Port Zone, as expanded, is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority, which shall, consistent with the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning, development and utilization of the port.

SECTION 3. All other orders, proclamations, and issuances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 304

**DECLARING AND DELINEATING THE BROOKE'S POINT PORT ZONE UNDER THE
ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Port of Brooke's Point is one of the major and busiest ports in the country;

WHEREAS, there is need to expand the Port of Brooke's Point for planning purposes to accommodate projected increases in port traffic and program the development of the necessary port facilities to support the increasing demands of the shipping trade within the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Brooke's Point is hereby expanded and particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at point marked 1 on the plan, thence to point 2 at a distance of 362.00 meters with bearing N98°00'W, thence to point three at a distance of 1,002.00 meters with bearing S12°20'W, thence to point 4 at a distance of 1,075.00 meters with bearing S78°10'E, thence to point 5 at a distance of 881.50 meters with bearing N12°14'E, thence to point 6 at a distance of 10.00 meters with bearing N61°00'W, thence to point 7 at a distance of 249.00 meters with bearing N71.5°00'W, thence to point 1, the point of beginning at a distance of 472.00 meters with bearing N67°45'W, all in all comprising a total area of 1,032,314.03 sq.m. more or less."

SECTION 2. The Brooke's Point Port Zone, as expanded, is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority, which shall, consistent with the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning, development and utilization of the port.

SECTION 3. All other orders, proclamations, and issuances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 305

Based on the records available on file and in the possession of Malacañang Records Office, Executive Order No. 305 of Presidential Issuances of Fidel V. Ramos was certified by their office as a reserved number and that no original copy of this issuance was forwarded and released to them.

Malacañang Records Office. (2015). *[Memorandum: certification and official count of Presidential Issuances]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 307
IMPLEMENTING A FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II, of the Philippine Constitution provides that, “the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article XV, of the Philippine Constitution provides that, “the State shall defend:

1. The right of spouses to found a family in accordance with their religious convictions and demands of responsible parenthood;
2. The right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;
3. The right of the family to a family wage and income; *and*
4. The right of families or family associations to participate in planning and implementation of policies and programs that affect them”.

WHEREAS, to arrest the problem of high infant and maternal mortality, there is a need to implement an earnest Philippine Family Planning Program, emphasizing safe motherhood and child survival;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Family Planning Program recognizes the constitutional right of all Filipinos to exercise their freedom of conscience as to the number and spacing of their children, as well as the family planning method that is right for them, consistent with their religious and moral beliefs and in consonance with the ideals of a democratic country;

WHEREAS, Family Planning is a part of nationally mandated priority public health concerns to attain the country’s national health and development goals and is a critical component of the Philippine Population Management Program, to achieve population levels conducive to the improvement of individual and family welfare and attainment of sustainable development for Philippines 2000;

WHEREAS, the national government needs the full support and active involvement of the local government units to implement such a program nationwide;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code provides that the local government units be primarily responsible in promoting people’s health and safety; Section 17 of the same further provides that the local government units shall be responsible for the provision of basic services and facilities, among which are health services, family planning services, and population development services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and R.A. 7160, do hereby direct local chief executives, specifically the governors as well as mayors of component cities and municipalities (under their supervision), mayors of highly urbanized cities and independent component cities to:

SECTION 1. Promote the Philippine Family Planning Program as a priority government program through advocacy activities, the vigorous and sustained participation of local officials in program management, the use of local facilities, the services of local service providers and other local employees, and utilization of other local resources and expertise.

SEC. 2. Ensure the information on and services for all methods including Natural Family Planning endorsed by the program are available at appropriate levels of service outlets, adhering to the standards of quality of care promulgated by the national program.

SEC. 3. Ensure that the practice of family planning is purely on a voluntary basis, based on freedom of conscience and respect for the sanctity of life.

SEC. 4. Provide the necessary budgetary support to the program.

SEC. 5. Coordinate with and seek the assistance of national agencies, particularly the Department of Health, and members of the Population Commission, who are involved in the Philippine Family Planning Program.

SEC. 6. Coordinate and encourage the involvement of non-government organizations and the private commercial sector in the Philippine Family Planning Program, in the spirit of public-private sector partnership.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 309
RECONSTITUTING THE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE CREATED UNDER E.O. NO. 285

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 285 was issued on July 25, 1987 creating the Disposal Committee in the national level to be composed of the representative of the owning agency as Chairman, with the representatives of the Commission on Audit (COA) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) as members, and also creating the Regional Disposal Committees to be composed of the representatives of the regional owning agency as Chairman, and the representatives of the COA Regional Office and DBM Regional Office as Members;

WHEREAS, there is a need to expedite the disposal of unserviceable equipment and property of the government to avoid further deterioration, especially those exposed to the elements;

WHEREAS, COA has withdrawn from being a Member of such Disposal Committees due to the lifting of all pre-audit activities as mandated by Section 2(2), Article IX-D of the Constitution and in so doing, there is now an urgent need to reconstitute the members thereof;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the General Provisions of R.A. No. 8174, the disposal of unserviceable, obsolete and/or excess equipment, supplies and materials is the responsibility of the respective owning department/agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and ordain the reconstitution of the Disposal Committee created in each Department, bureau, office or agency under Executive Order No. 285, as follows:

SECTION 1. *Reconstitution of Disposal Committees.* Pursuant to R.A. No. 8174, the Disposal Committees created under E.O. No. 888 as amended by E.O. No. 285 dated July 25, 1987 in each Department, bureau, office or agency are hereby reconstituted as follows:

Chairman	A senior official with a rank not lower than the level of an Assistant Secretary for a department and Assistant Director for a bureau/agency or department manager for a GOCC
Member	Head of the Department's administrative service or head of agency's administrative division or head of the GOCC's equivalent organizational unit
Member	Head of the property unit

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* All executive orders, rules, regulations other issuances or part thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 311
ENCOURAGING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt urgent and effective measures to address the nationwide water crisis;

WHEREAS, the urgency of the adoption of such measures was recognized by Congress thru Republic Act No. 8041, also known as the National Water Crisis Act of 1995, which mandates the Government to address the issues relating to the water crisis;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 8041 authorizes the President:

- (a) to enter into negotiated contracts for projects to be implemented under Build-Operate-Transfer and/or related schemes for a period of one (1) year after the effectivity of R.A. No. 8041, or until 15 July 1996, and
- (b) to revamp the executive leadership and reorganize the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (the “MWSS”), including the privatization of any or all of its segments, operations or facilities, if necessary to make them more effective and innovative to address the looming water crisis;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to encourage the private sector, as the nation’s main engine for growth and development, to engage or undertake the financing, construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure and development projects, including those involving water supply and sewerage;

WHEREAS, the reorganization of the MWSS pursuant to Executive Order No. 286 dated 6 December 1995, which was issued pursuant to Republic Act No. 8041, was deemed to be consistent with the Administration’s framework for governance, having been designated to streamline and correct dysfunction in the structure and operation of the MWSS to enable the latter to become more effective, efficient, and responsive to the country’s need for potable water, as well as to prepare the ground work for its eventual privatization, where feasible;

WHEREAS, under E.O. No. 286, series of 1995, the reorganization of the MWSS is to be undertaken in the context of the Administration’s framework of governance, with the National Government encouraging the private sector to participate in the delivery of the public goods through franchising, concession, management, privatization, or other arrangements of MWSS’ operations or facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Republic Act No. 8041, otherwise known as the National Water Crisis Act of 1995, do hereby order:

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- a. The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) shall enter into arrangements that will result in the involvement or participation of the private sector in any or all of the segments, operations, and/or facilities of the MWSS.
 - b. The involvement or participation of the private sector may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) franchising, concession, management, or other arrangements; (ii) privatization; or (iii) contracts for projects to be implemented under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and/or related schemes for the financing, construction, repair, rehabilitation, improvement, and operation of water facilities and projects related to consumers.

The MWSS may carry out its responsibilities under this Executive Order, subject to approval of the President, pursuant to any of the following:

- (i) The provisions of R.A. 8041 (National Water Crisis Act of 1995);
- (ii) Proclamation No. 50, as amended, and its related statutes and implementing rules and regulations, for which purpose the inclusion of the MWSS in the list of government-owned or controlled corporations for retention under Executive Order No. 37 is hereby revoked;
- (iii) Republic Act No. 6957, as amended by Republic Act No. 7718, and its implementing rules and regulations;
- (iv) Such other laws, rules, orders, and/or proclamations as the MWSS may deem appropriate.

All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations, and/or similar issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 312

**AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL CENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE
FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES TO FINANCE ITS VARIOUS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128, SERIES OF 1993**

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 128, series of 1993, the National Centennial Commission (COMMISSION) has been tasked “to take charge of the nationwide preparations for the National Celebration of the Philippine Centennial of the Declaration of Philippine Independence and the Inauguration of the Malolos Congress;”

WHEREAS, among the priority projects lined up by the COMMISSION in connection with the centennial celebrations of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence in 1998 and the Inauguration of the Malolos Congress in 1999, are the following:

- “1. restoration of major national shrines like the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; the Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan; the Rizal Shrines in Calamba, Laguna and Dapitan; the Mabini Shrines in Tanauan, Batangas, and Pandacan, Manila; and other historical sites and landmarks;
- “2. holding of an international exposition at Clark Field with all nations that have touched our history participating;
- “3. an international conference to be attended and participated in by eminent local and international historians and scholars on Rizal and the events that led to the Revolution;
- “4. construction of a national monument to serve as a national landmark which will house the National Library and the National Museum to be known as the ‘Heritage Center’;
- “5. a Freedom Heritage Trail to mark the path blazed by the leaders of the Revolution from Kawit, Cavite to Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan; and
- “6. a bio-film on Dr. Jose Rizal of high international quality and impact to be produced and shown in 1996 on the occasion of the centennial of Rizal’s martyrdom.”

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated yearly by Congress for the maintenance and operation of the COMMISSION are not sufficient to enable the COMMISSION to implement the above projects and the other plans and programs of the COMMISSION for the centennial celebrations;

WHEREAS, to enable the COMMISSION to finance its various plans, programs and activities, it is necessary to authorize it to solicit donations, contributions and other forms of financial assistance from the government and private sectors and to engage in other fund-raising activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. Executive Order No. 128, series of 1993, is hereby amended by inserting a new Section between Sections 2 and 3 thereof, to be known as Section 2-A, and which shall read as follows:

“SEC. 2-A. The Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to call upon any government agency or instrumentality, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries and non-governmental or private organizations or institutions and individuals, for financial and other forms of assistance, such as, but not limited to, donations, contributions and the like, and to engage in other fund-raising activities that will generate the resources needed in the implementation of its various programs and projects.

Any and all moneys received by the Commission as contributions, donations, and other forms of financial assistance as well as the income that it may derive from its fund-raising activities as herein authorized shall be retained by the Commission and shall partake of a trust fund to be deposited in its account with a government depository bank of its choice. These moneys/funds shall be spent by the Commission solely for the implementation of its approved plans, programs, projects and activities in the pursuit of its purposes and objectives.

The management, utilization and disposition of funds derived by the Commission from the sources herein identified shall be the exclusive prerogative and responsibility of the Commission, subject to usual accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.”

SEC. 2. This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 313
MODIFYING THE NOMENCLATURE AND THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON
CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS
CODE OF 1978 (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464), AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) 1993-1998 focuses on global competitiveness and people empowerment as the twin strategies towards achieving sustainable economic and human development;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve global competitiveness, the said Plan stipulates that the government should continue to undertake the import liberalization and tariff reform programs which will result in uniform levels of trade and industrial protection across various sectors of the economy;

WHEREAS, during the Economic Caucus held on 22 July 1993 and the People's Economic Summit on 8 September 1993, it was agreed to further liberalize trade policy through tariff reform and import liberalization;

WHEREAS, the liberalization of import restrictions on agricultural products also forms part of the Government's commitment as member of the World Trade Organization;

WHEREAS, the lifting of import restrictions on agricultural products, mandated under Republic Act 8178 entitled, "An Act Replacing Quantitative Import Restrictions (QRs) on Agricultural Products, Except Rice, with Tariffs, Creating the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund and Providing Funds Therefor," may create initial difficulties for the producers as they adjust to a more open trade regime;

WHEREAS, the government needs to provide interim tariff adjustments in lieu of the import restrictions to help the agricultural sector to be efficient and globally competitive;

WHEREAS, Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978 (Presidential Decree No. 1464), as amended, empowers the President to increase, reduce or remove existing protective rates of import duty, including any necessary changes in classification, as well as to modify the form of duty upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall pay the rates of import duty in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex.

SEC. 2. For certain articles, two rates of import duty are provided. For these articles, a Minimum Access Volume (MAV) is provided. The MAV refers to the volume of a specific agricultural product that is allowed to be imported with a lower rate of duty. The In-Quota rate of duty shall apply for importations that are within the MAV provided for an agricultural product. The Out-Quota rate of duty shall apply when the importation is in excess of the MAV specified for an agricultural product.

SEC. 3. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles specifically listed in the aforesaid Annex "A" which are entered into or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SEC. 4. All Presidential issuances, administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. The Executive Order shall take effect 30 days following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex "A"

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 314
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the development of the maritime industry is vital to the attainment of the national development thrusts of people empowerment and global competitiveness;

WHEREAS, ensuring maritime safety at all times is vital to attain the growth and development objectives of the industry;

WHEREAS, the enhancement of maritime safety requires collective and coordinated efforts among and between government and the private sectors;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective and efficient mechanism to coordinate the formulation and implementation of policies and programs affecting maritime safety, including immediate resolution of issues and concerns related thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Establishment of the National Maritime Safety Coordinating Council. There is hereby created the National Maritime Safety Coordinating Council, hereinafter referred to as the “Council”, to serve as the coordinating body for the formulation and implementation of policies and programs affecting maritime safety.

Section 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the following:

Executive Secretary	–	Chairman
Secretary, DOTC	–	Co-Chairman
Secretary, DND	–	Vice Chairman
Secretary, DILG	–	Member
Administrator, MARINA	–	Member
Commandant, PCG	–	Member
General Manager, PPA	–	Member
Administrator, NAMRIA	–	Member
Commander, PNP/MARICOM	–	Member
Chairman, CHED	–	Member
Chairman, TESDA	–	Member
Chairman, Maritime Training Council	–	Member
Representative, NDCC	–	Member
One Representative each from Shippers, Ship owners and Maritime Schools to be appointed by the Council Chairman		Members

Section 3. Powers and Functions. The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Coordinate the formulation and implementation of policies and programs affecting maritime safety
2. Recommend policies toward enhancing safety of lives and properties in the seas, including their implementing strategies.
3. Provide an effective and efficient mechanism for coordination, complementation and collaboration in the resolution of issues and concerns affecting maritime safety.
4. Monitor the implementation of the programs and policies on maritime safety.
5. Discharge other functions which may be deemed necessary by the President

Section 4. Initial Activity. The Council shall immediately review the existing National Maritime Safety Plan towards its updating to include the present concerns and developments on maritime safety. In this regard, the Committee shall submit to the President, not later than thirty days (30) from the issuance of this Order, a Comprehensive National Maritime Safety Plan which shall include, among others, the delineation of duties and responsibilities on ensuring maritime safety, strategies on preventing and responding to maritime incidents/accidents, and timely disposition of cases involving violation of rules and regulations on maritime safety.

Section 5. Secretariat/Technical Support. The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) shall provide technical and administrative support to the operation of the Council. Whenever necessary, however, the Council may tap other government agencies and/or create appropriate committees to ensure the attainment of its objectives.

Section 6. Funding. The yearly budgetary requirement for the operation of the Council shall be drawn from the contribution of its member-agencies. For its initial year, the MARINA shall provide ONE MILLION PESOS (₱1,000,000.00) from its unprogrammed funds for 1996, subject to existing auditing rules and regulations.

Section 7. Reporting. The Council shall provide the President a quarterly report on its activities. It shall also review and submit its findings, not later than fifteen (15) days from the issuance of this Order, on the doability of the recommendations adopted during the Maritime Safety Conference held on 27-28 March 1996, including their implementing instruments.

Section 8. Private Sector and Local Government Unit Participation. The Council shall tap private sector and local government units in pursuing its functions and responsibilities, including the monitoring of the implementation of maritime safety policies and programs.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 315

DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS
OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION
OVER ITS PROGRAMS IN THE REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section I, Art. XV of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall establish, maintain, and support a complete and integral system of quality education and adopt an educational framework that is meaningful, relevant, and responsive to the needs, ideals, and aspirations of the people in the Region;

WHEREAS, the powers and functions pertaining to higher education of the Department of Education, Culture, and Sports (DECS) devolved to the Autonomous Region pursuant to Executive Order No. 459, series of 1991, have been repealed upon the enactment of Republic Act No. 7722 effectuating the creation of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as an independent and separate agency specifically charged to administer, supervise, and promote higher education as well as degree-granting programs in all higher educational institutions in the country;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created pursuant to RA 6734 deemed it imperative that in view of RA 7722, there is need to redevolve and/or devolve certain powers and functions of the CHED to the ARG;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. Pursuant to the Constitution and Republic Act No. 6734, it has been the declared policy of the National Government to ensure the full and expeditious devolution of powers and functions necessary for the governance of the ARG of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Section 2. Transfer of Powers and Functions. Subject to national policies, the powers and functions devolved to DECS-ARMM pertaining to higher education stipulated in Executive Order 459 which were transferred to the CHED by virtue of RA 7722 are hereby redevolved to the ARG. Specifically, such transfer of functions shall include, among others:

a. All programs and projects of the Commission, whether locally-funded or foreign-assisted, in the ARMM earmarked for or to be implemented in the region, including scholarships and grants, shall be transferred to the ARG including its corresponding budgets and assets.

b. The ARG shall avail of the Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF), established under Section 10 of RA 7722, based on CHED-approved projects and programs for the region. The fund shall be administered in accordance with the guidelines of the CHED.

c. The budget and allocation of CHED-supervised Higher Education Institutions in the region shall be transferred to the ARG.

Section 3. Regulatory Functions. The functions of DECS-ARMM prescribed in Executive Order No. 459 pertaining to the grant of authority to establish and operate new private schools/programs on higher education in the region including the cancellation and/or withdrawal of recognition, or restoration of cancelled or revoked government recognition, shall be retained by the CHED. Provided, that the grant or revocation, or the restoration of recognition is recommended by the ARG. Provided, further, that should these regulatory functions of the Commission be decentralized later to the regional offices of CHED, the ARG shall likewise be empowered with such regulatory functions as stipulated herein subject to the guidelines set by the Commission.

Section 4. Budget and Appropriation. The budget of DECS-ARMM pertaining to higher education shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, be transferred to the Higher Education Regional Office of the ARG in accordance with the guidelines implementing RA 7722 set by the Commission.

Section 5. Allocation to ARG. The ARG shall be considered one of the regions of the CHED for purposes of allocations of resources and other support programs, projects, equipment similarly allocated to other regions provided such allocation is not part of the budget of ARG. For programs and projects of the Commission not provided herein relating to special concerns which require bilateral implementation in the Autonomous Region, a Memorandum of Agreement shall be entered into if necessary, between the Commission and the ARG.

Section 6. Standard Setting. The ARG in formulating such regional rules and regulations in the implementation of programs and policies on higher education in the region of autonomy shall be made in accordance with the standard prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education in accordance with national policies.

Section 7. Technical Assistance. The CHED shall make available to the ARG such technical assistance as may be necessary to enable ARG to carry out effectively the objectives of this Executive Order.

Section 8. Submission of Quarterly Report. A quarterly report on the status of the implementation of this EO shall be submitted to the President jointly by the ARG and the CHED.

Section 9. Implementing Rules. The CHED, in consultation with the ARG, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Executive Order within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

Section 10. Transitory Provisions. Such personnel, properties, assets and liabilities, functions, and pertinent records of the Bureau of Higher Education of DECS-ARMM, including those for higher education and degree-granting vocational and technical education institutions, as well as those of other regional government entities having functions similar to those of the CHED, pursuant to RA 7722, are hereby transferred to the ARG office for higher education. Further, during such period, not to exceed one year from the effectivity hereof, that the ARG is structuring, organizing, staffing, equipping, and otherwise preparing the appropriate ARG office for higher education to discharge the full powers, functions, and responsibilities devolved pursuant to RA 7722 and Executive Order No. 459, the CHED shall extend full assistance and support to ARG to ensure the realization of the objectives of RA 7722 and this Order.

Section 11. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, any part or provision herein which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 12. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 316
DEVOLVING CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COOPERATIVE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the state to foster the creation and growth of cooperatives as a practical vehicle for promoting self-reliance and harnessing people power towards the attainment of economic development and social justice;

WHEREAS, all government instrumentalities, branches, subdivisions and agencies are mandated to provide technical guidance, financial assistance, and services to enable cooperatives to develop into viable and responsive economic enterprises and thereby bring about a strong cooperative movement that is free from any conditions that might infringe upon the autonomy or organizational integrity of cooperatives;

WHEREAS, in guidance with the state policy, the Organic Act (RA 6734) mandated the regional government to encourage and support entrepreneurial capability in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and further recognizes the promotion, development, and protection of cooperatives as a vehicle to foster cooperativism in accordance with Islamic principles and local practices and traditions;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee for the ARMM created under the said Act has identified the functions and powers exercised by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) in the Autonomous Region that may be transferred, shared or retained;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The following powers, functions and responsibilities of the CDA are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG), viz;

1. Formulate, adopt and implement integrated and comprehensive plans and programs on cooperative development for the ARMM consistent with national policy on cooperatives and the overall socio-economic regional development plans of the government;

2. Develop and conduct management and training programs upon request of cooperatives in the ARMM that will provide members of cooperatives with entrepreneurial capabilities, managerial expertise, and technical skills required for the efficient operation of their cooperatives and inculcate in them the true spirit of cooperativism and provide, when necessary, technical and professional assistance to ensure the viability and growth of cooperatives with special concerns for agrarian reform, fishery, and economically depressed sectors;

3. Support the voluntary organization and consensual development of activities that promote cooperative movements and provide assistance towards upgrading managerial and technical expertise upon request of the cooperatives concerned;
4. Coordinate the efforts of the Local Government Units in the ARMM and the private sector in the promotion, organization and development of cooperatives;
5. Require all cooperatives, their federations and unions in the ARMM to submit their annual financial statements, duly audited by certified public accountants, and general information sheets;
6. Assist cooperatives in the ARMM arranging for financial and other forms of assistance under such terms and conditions as are calculated to strengthen their viability and autonomy;
7. Administer all grants and donations coursed through the government for cooperative development in the ARMM, without prejudice to the right of cooperatives to directly receive and administer such grants and donations upon agreement with the grantors and donors thereof;
8. Upon request of either or both parties, to mediate and conciliate disputes within a cooperative or between cooperatives in the ARMM;
9. Formulate and adopt continuing policy initiatives in consultation with the cooperative sector in the ARMM through public hearings; and
10. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to implement the provisions of cooperative laws in this Executive Order.

SECTION 2. REGULATORY FUNCTIONS. Regulatory functions of the CDA that pertain to the registration and cancellation of the certificate of registration of cooperatives including the reporting requirements shall be the subject of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the CDA and the ARG.

SECTION 3. STANDARD SETTING. The ARG shall formulate its own standards in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations as well as local practices and traditions.

SECTION 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The CDA shall make available to the ARG such technical assistance as may be necessary to enable the ARG to carry out effectively the objectives of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES. The CDA, in consultation with the ARG, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Executive Order within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 6. SUBMISSION OF QUARTERLY REPORT. A quarterly submission of the status of the implementation shall be submitted to the President.

SECTION 7. SHARED POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. Shared powers, functions and responsibilities such as cooperative education, training, division, merger, consolidation and dissolution shall be jointly implemented and funded by the CDA and the ARG in accordance with the MOA between the parties hereof.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or declared contrary to law, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. CDA-ARMM. The CDA shall immediately establish an Extension Office in the ARMM to perform the powers, functions and responsibilities shared and retained by the CDA and/or shared in accordance with the MOA between the parties as provided for in Section 2 hereof, and those devolved powers, functions and responsibilities during the transition period of one (1) year.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 317

DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INCLUDING THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS OFFICES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN THE REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 1, Art XV of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall establish, maintain and support a complete and integral system of quality education and adopt an educational framework that is meaningful, relevant and responsive to the needs, ideals and aspirations of the people in the Region;

WHEREAS, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as created by Republic Act 7796 is charged to set a policy, supervise and promote technical vocational education and training in non-degree granting programs in all post secondary and technical vocational training institutions in the country;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created pursuant to RA 6734 deemed it imperative that in view of RA 7796, there is need to devolve certain powers and functions of the TESDA to the ARG;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. Pursuant to the Constitution and Republic Act. No. 6734, it has been the declared policy of the National Government to ensure the full and expeditious devolution of powers and functions necessary for the governance of the ARG of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Section 2. Transfer of Powers and Functions. Consistent with national policies, all programs and projects of the TESDA, except the accreditation and certification programs, whether locally-funded or foreign-assisted, in the ARMM earmarked for or to be implemented in the region, including scholarships and grants shall be transferred to the ARG including its corresponding budgets and assets.

Section 3. Budget and Appropriation. The current budget of the TESDA earmarked for the four (4) provinces under the ARMM, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, shall be transferred to the ARG.

Section 4. Standard Setting. The ARG shall formulate regional rules and regulations in the implementation of programs and policies on technical vocational education and training in the region of autonomy in accordance with the standards prescribed by the TESDA.

Section 5. Technical Assistance. TESDA shall make available to the ARG such technical assistance as may be necessary to enable the ARG to carry out effectively the objectives of this Executive Order.

Section 6. Quarterly Report. A quarterly status report on the implementation of this Executive Order shall be submitted to the President by the ARG.

Section 7. Memorandum of Agreement. For the programs and projects of the TESDA not provided herein relating to special concerns which require bilateral implementation in the autonomous region, a Memorandum of Agreement shall be entered into between the TESDA and the ARG.

Section 8. Implementing Rules. The TESDA, in consultation with the ARG, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Executive Order within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

Section 9. Transitory Provisions. Such budget, personnel properties, assets and liabilities, functions and pertinent records of the TESDA intended for and in the ARMM provinces, Bureau of Training on Vocational Education-Department of Education Culture and Sports (BTVE-DECS), ARMM and the Apprenticeship Program of the Bureau of Local Employment, Department of Labor and Employment (AP-BLE-DOLE), ARMM are hereby transferred to the ARG for the TESDA-ARMM.

Further, during such period, not to exceed one year from the effectivity hereof, that the ARG is structuring, organizing, staffing, equipping and otherwise preparing the appropriate ARG office for the TESDA to discharge the full powers, functions and responsibilities devolved pursuant to RA 6734, the TESDA shall extend full assistance and support to the ARG to ensure the realization of the objectives of RA 7796 and this Order.

Section 10. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, any part or provision herein which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 11. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 301 - 440]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 318

Based on the records available on file and in the possession of Malacañang Records Office, Executive Order No. 318 of Presidential Issuances of Fidel V. Ramos was certified by their office as a reserved number and that no original copy of this issuance was forwarded and released to them.

Malacañang Records Office. (2015). *[Memorandum: certification and official count of Presidential Issuances]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 319

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MORAL RECOVERY PROGRAM (MRP) IN ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRITY CIRCLES

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the 1987 Constitution ordains and promulgates that “the sovereign Filipino people imploring the aid of Almighty God in order to build a just and humane society and establish a government that shall embody our ideals and aspirations, promote the common good, conserve and develop our patrimony and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessing of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality and peace”;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21 of the Constitution’s Declaration of Principles and State Policies further provides that “[T]he state shall maintain honesty, integrity in the public service and take positive measures against graft and corruption;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 62 dated 30 September 1992 declared a Moral Recovery Program in response to the need to strengthen the moral resources of the Filipino people rooted in Filipino culture, values and ideals that are pro God, pro people, pro country and pro nature;

WHEREAS, the same proclamation has declared the Moral Recovery Program as official government policy and enjoined the active participation of all sectors in Filipino Society;

WHEREAS, the MRP vision is a Filipino nation that is God-centered, people-empowered, prosperous national community living in Unity, Justice, Freedom, Love and Peace governed by a visionary government that is democratic, responsive and effective, graft-free, transparent and self-corrective with a community of civil and military servants who are professional, competent, disciplined and trustworthy;

WHEREAS, despite earlier proclamations to create Moral Recovery consciousness, and issuance of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (R.A. No. 6713), graft and corruption, lack of discipline, dishonesty, patronage, etc., continue to taint the public service;

WHEREAS, during the Third National Summit on Peace and Order, a Covenant for Peace and National Progress through moral enhancement and transformation was adopted requiring the Government Sector’s action plan to be institutionalized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby enjoin and order:

SECTION 1. All government departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities and government-owned and controlled corporations are enjoined to establish Integrity Circles or any similar mechanism to lay the necessary foundations of the moral recovery crusade for Filipino core value infusion into the organization’s culture, systems and processes.

Sec. 2. The Moral Recovery Program National Secretariat, as designated implementing arm of the MRP through the constituted Government Sector Core Group, shall monitor the implementation

of the MRP Integrity Circles of various government agencies through the designated Moral Recovery Officer (MRO) of the agency.

Sec. 3. The MRO designated by the agency will initiate the formation of Integrity Circles or similar mechanisms, strategies and activities that would evolve mass action addressed at affecting personal change and lead to appropriate systematic and structural change within the agency.

Sec. 4. All the agencies concerned shall allocate 1% of their Human Resource Development (HRD)/Training appropriation for the initial implementation of their agency MRP; additional appropriation may be funded as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management.

Sec. 5. The agencies are required to provide support to the MRP Integrity Circle's efforts to prime moral recovery transformations among employees and develop role models at all levels and sectors.

Sec. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**

Executive Secretary

Reference: Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing Moral Recovery Program

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 301 - 440]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 320
CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE
CENTENNIAL OF THE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF MARCELO H. DEL PILAR

WHEREAS, Marcelo H. del Pilar is one of our great Filipino heroes revered for his fearless writings denouncing the abuses of friars and their oppression of the Filipinos during the Spanish regime;

WHEREAS, in 1892 Marcelo H. del Pilar founded the first Tagalog daily, the *Diariong Tagalog*, which denounced Spanish maladministration of the Philippines and later edited the newspaper, *La Solidaridad*, which championed the cause for greater Philippine autonomy;

WHEREAS, in the words of Governor General Ramon Blanco, then Chief Executive of the erstwhile Philippine colony, Del Pilar was “the most intelligent leader, the real soul of the separatists”; **WHEREAS**, July 4, 1996 will mark the centennial of the death anniversary of this great hero and it is only fitting that such significant event be commemorated and celebrated not only in his home province of Bulacan but also throughout the country with fitting programs, activities and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. A Special Committee is hereby created to take charge of the nationwide preparations to commemorate the centennial of the death anniversary of Marcelo H. del Pilar on July 4, 1996, to be composed of the following:

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| 1 | Secretary Ricardo T. Gloria
Department of Education, Culture and Sports | Chairman |
| 2. | Senator Blas F. Ople, Senate of the Philippines | Co-Chairman |
| 3. | Representative Teodulo C. Natividad, House of Representatives | Co-Chairman |
| 4. | The Executive Director of the National Centennial Commission | Co-Chairman |
| 5. | The Executive Director of the National Historical Institute | Vice-Chairman |
| 6. | The Executive Director or his duly designated representative,
National Commission for Culture and the Arts | Member |
| 7. | The Governor of the Province of Bulacan or his duly
designated representative | Member |
| 8. | The President of the National Press Club or his duly
designated representative | Member |
| 9. | The President of the Manila Overseas Press Club or his duly
designated representative | Member |

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| 10. | The President of the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc.
or his duly designated representative | Member |
| 11. | A representative from the family of Marcelo H. del Pilar | Member |

SEC. 2. The Committee shall be provided with technical and administrative support to be composed of detailed personnel from the National Historical Institute, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and the National Centennial Commission.

SEC. 3. The Committee shall be funded with an initial budget to be drawn from the President's Contingent Fund, in an amount to be recommended by the Committee and approved by the President.

SEC. 4. The Committee shall be an *ad hoc* body and its existence shall terminate upon the completion of all the activities, programs and projects related to the centennial of the death anniversary of Marcelo H. del Pilar.

SEC. 5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1996). *[Executive Order Nos.: 301 - 440]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 321
CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE CENTRAL LUZON
GROWTH CORRIDOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that the benefits from the economic activities of Clark Special Economic Zone, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Mariveles Export Processing Zone, and other special economic zones, are enjoyed by the nearby areas;

WHEREAS, there is a need to fast-track the implementation of programs and projects to facilitate the development of Central Luzon especially the areas affected by lahar in the provinces of Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Zambales; and

WHEREAS, toward the integrated and harmonized development of the Central Luzon area, there is a need to rationalize existing activities in these areas as well as to involve other government and non-government entities in the development efforts to achieve complementation of activities for these areas and maximization of government's limited resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Creation of the Presidential Commission To Plan For and Develop the Central Luzon Growth Corridor. There is hereby created a Presidential Commission for Central Luzon Growth Corridor within the provinces of Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Zambales, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", which shall be responsible for the orchestration and the coordination of development efforts for the Central Luzon growth area.

Sec. 2. Composition. The Commission shall be chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry (also CORD for Region III) with the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority and the Chairman of the Regional Development Council for Region III as Vice-Chairmen. Its members shall be composed of the following:

- Chairman, Mt. Pinatubo Commission
 - b. Undersecretary, Department of Agriculture
 - c. Undersecretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 - d. Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Highways
 - e. Undersecretary, Department of Transportation and Communication
 - f. Undersecretary, Department of Tourism
 - g. Chairman, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority
 - h. President, Clark Development Corporation
 - i. Director-General, Philippine Economic Zone Authority
- Governors of the Provinces of Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Zambales.

- k Three (3) representatives from the private sector/non-government organization to be recommended by the Commission and appointed by the President

The government representatives in the Commission shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

Sec. 3. Functions and Responsibilities. The Presidential Commission shall:

- a Prepare an inventory of all existing and approved land use plans, programs and projects in Central Luzon;
- b Review existing development plans, including, but not limited to, the proposed Master Plan on the Central Luzon Development Program;
- c Based on the inventory and review, cause the preparation and/or finalization of an Integrated Development Plan for the Central Luzon Growth Area that would ensure that Region III would benefit from the development and economic activities at the Clark Special Economic Zone, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, the Mariveles Export Processing Zone and other special economic zones and growth centers in the region.

The development plan should consider and include the development of Central Luzon's infrastructure, agri-industry, housing, tourism, environment, natural resources and other investment activities, among others, for implementation by concerned government agencies or by the private sector, on a build-operate-transfer or other innovative schemes as may be recommended by the Commission to the President.

In the preparation of the Plan, the Commission shall coordinate with the Regional Development Council of Region 3 and utilize existing studies and recommendations of government and non-government agencies which have been involved in the planning and development of Central Luzon and the rehabilitation efforts in the lahar-ravaged areas therein.

- d. Adopt a process of maximum consultation with the local government units concerned and all interest groups in the localities to ensure that their needs, concerns and ideas are considered in the formulation and implementation of plans and development programs and projects;
- e. Ensure a fast-tracked implementation of the Integrated Development Plan for the growth area;
- f. Identify sources of funds, both local and foreign, which may be used for the implementation of development programs and projects for the growth area;
- g. Act as the central coordinating body on matters pertaining to the Central Luzon Growth Corridor and as the issue-resolution body on any problems and issues which may arise in the formulation of the integrated development plan or its implementation;
- h. Recommend to the appropriate Sanggunians such ordinances and measures as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the Plan, as approved by the President;
- i Submit status report every quarter to the Office of the President; and
- j. Undertake such other functions as the President may direct.

Sec. 4. Secretariat Support. The Department of Trade and Industry shall provide technical and secretariat support to the Commission.

Sec. 5. Funding. Funding for the Commission's operations for the initial year of operations shall be sourced from the President's Contingent Fund, the amount for which shall be recommended

by the Commission. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the annual appropriations of the Department of Trade and Industry.

Sec. 6. Departments, Agencies and Local Government Units. The Commission is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, instrumentality or subdivision of the Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations and local government units, for such assistance as it may need in discharging its functions. The Commission may likewise organize sectoral “Task-Forces”, as it may deem necessary, in the performance of its functions and responsibilities.

Sec. 7. Saving Clause. All Existing Presidential Issuances and Directives covering the Central Luzon Area shall remain in effect, except for portions thereof which are inconsistent with this Order.

Sec. 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Sixty.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 322
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 193, S. 1994

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 193 issued on 02 August 1994, established under the Office of the President, the WTO/AFTA Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission for brevity, to undertake, among others, the identification and the recommendation of the appropriate strategies and measures for advancing, promoting, and/or defending the interests of the Philippines in the new rule-based international and regional trading arrangements under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the ASEAN FREE TRADE AREA (AFTA), respectively;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been providing the venue where the private sector representatives in the Commission can discuss and recommend the courses of action that the government should undertake in order to make the policies relevant to the needs of the private sector;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is actively involved in the activities of the fast-emerging regional economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, now known as the ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION or APEC;

WHEREAS, the WTO, AFTA, and APEC have the common objective of improving the lives of the peoples of the participating countries through the continued liberalization of trade in the agricultural, the industrial, and the services sectors;

WHEREAS, it is to the highest interest of the Philippines that activities of all the various government agencies and the private sector are coordinated as well as integrated in order to attain at the soonest, the enhancement of the Philippines' competitiveness in the agricultural, industrial and the service sectors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF APEC. The Commission shall, in addition to addressing the concerns of the Philippines in the WTO and the AFTA pursuant to Sec. 3 of E.O. 193, s. 1994, include the concerns relative to our participation in APEC.

SEC. 2. COMPOSITION. The members of the Commission, on the part of the government as provided for in Sec. 2 of the E.O. 193, s. 1994, shall be the same.

SEC. 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Order are hereby declared to be separable, and in the event of any provision or part thereof is declared to be unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts thereof which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any Order, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety six

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 323

PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) 1996 MEETING IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, a major objective of government is people empowerment entailing, among others, the active participation of the youth in the affairs of state;

WHEREAS, a special concern of government is to create opportunities for the youth to further enhance their academic skills through hands-on experience;

WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) encourages private sector participation in issues and concerns most relevant to them;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' hosting this year of APEC provides an excellent opportunity for the youth to be involved in international conferences and other relevant activities;

WHEREAS, the successful hosting of APEC activities in the Philippines depends not only on the efforts of government but also on the active participation of its citizenry, particularly the youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Coordination.* The Department of Foreign Affairs, a lead agency for the convening of major APEC meetings and the APEC National Organizing Commission, as the duly constituted authority to organize and supervise all activities related to the hosting of said meetings, shall devise a program that would allow the active involvement of student volunteers in on-going APEC undertakings leading to the APEC Economic Leaders Meeting to be held in Subic in November 1996.

SEC. 2. *Authority.* The Office of the Chair of the APEC Senior Officials Meetings, Department of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Director-General, APEC NOC Executive Committee, shall employ the services of an appropriate number of student volunteers to be trained in the substantive aspects of the Philippine preparations for the APEC hosting in 1996 for the APEC SOM Chair and the administrative aspects for the APEC NOC.

SEC. 3. *Funding.* Each student volunteer shall receive a monthly honorarium of **TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00)** beginning on the month the student volunteer reports for duty until December 1996 when the Philippine hosting of APEC shall have concluded. The expenses to be incurred shall be charged, as appropriate, against the funds of the APEC Substantive Group, Department of Foreign Affairs and the International Commitments Fund Requirement for the Hosting of the 1996 APEC Meetings as authorized in the General Appropriations Act of 1996.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 10th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 324

**CREATING A REVIEW COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE INTEGRATION INTO ONE
DEPARTMENT OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the present correctional system is highly fragmented in view of the fact that penal and prison farms are under the supervision and control of the Bureau of Corrections of the Department of Justice; provincial jails, under the provincial governments; district, city and municipal jail, under the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology of the Department of Interior and Local Government; and regional youth rehabilitation centers are under the Bureau of Child and Youth Welfare of the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, this fragmented set-up is aggravated by the non-institutional correctional programs handled by the Board of Pardons and Parole and the Parole and Probation Administration, which are under the Department of Justice;

WHEREAS, this existing system is not conducive to efficiency, sound management and a unified development program for corrections;

WHEREAS, in line with the vision of Philippines 2000, there is an urgent need to integrate, unify and modernize our correctional system under a single department;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. A Review Committee on the Correctional System is hereby created composed of:

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| a. Secretary of Justice | Chairman |
| b. Head, NAPOLCOM Technical Committee on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice | Co-Chairman |
| c. Director, Bureau of Corrections | Member |
| d. Chief, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) | Member |
| e. Administrator, Parole and Probation Administration | Member |
| f. Executive Director, Board of Pardons and Parole (BPP) | Member |
| g. Director, Bureau of Child and Youth Welfare (BCYW)-Department of Social Welfare and Development | Member |
| h. Director, Assistance and Visitorial Service, Commission on Human Rights (CHR) | Member |
| President, League of Provincial Governors | Member |
| One Representative each from the following Non-Government Organizations (NGOs): | |

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| 1 | Episcopal Commission on Prisoner's Welfare/Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (ECOPRIW/CBCP) | Member |
| 2. | Integrated Correctional Association of the Philippines (ICAP) | Member |
| 3. | Multi-Sectoral Council on Crime Prevention (MULTICON) | Member |

SEC. 2. The Committee shall perform the following functions:

- a. Review and study existing correctional systems, policies and problems and come up with measures including legislative and administrative proposals to correct existing deficiencies in the correctional system. For this purpose, the Committee can call on any and all government and non-government agencies and instrumentalities and submit its recommendations to the President, thru the Office of the Executive Secretary, not later than 31 May 1996.
- b. The Commission shall serve as Secretariat for the government agencies involved in corrections to monitor and follow-up the implementation of the outputs of the Strategic Planning Workshop on the Modernization of Correctional System held in Antipolo, Rizal last 13 to 15 November 1995.
- c. Create a technical working group which shall include non-government agencies involved in corrections.
- d. Formulate its rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. The amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱500,000.00) is hereby allocated from the President's Contingency Fund for the operations of the Committee.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 325

REORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS [REPEALING
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, SERIES OF 1987, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER
NOS. 318, (S. OF 1988), 347 (S. OF 1989), 366 (S. OF 1989), 455 (S. OF 1991) AND 505 (S. 1992)]

WHEREAS, Articles X, Section 14 of the Constitution provides that the President shall create regional development councils (RDCs) and other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions;

WHEREAS, the purposes for the creation of the RDCs are administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the local government units therein and to accelerate the socio-economic development of the regions;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State that socio-economic development programs and activities of government be undertaken with the extensive and active participation and support from, and coordination of, various government agencies, as well as private sector institutions at the national, regional and local levels;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for a responsive forum at the regions for the meaningful participation and support from the concerned members of the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize and strengthen the RDCs to make them more effective institutions in the regions responsible for ensuring sustainable, participatory and equitable development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby repeal EO 308 s. 1987, as amended, and order to wit:

SECTION 1. *Regular Members.* The following shall be the regular RDC members:

- a. all provincial governors;
- b. all city mayors;
- c. mayors of municipalities designated as provincial capitals;
- d. all presidents of the provincial league of mayors;
- e. the mayors of the municipality designated as the regional center;
- f. the regional directors of agencies represented in the National Economic and Development Authority Board (NEDA, DAR, DA, DBM, DENR, DOF, DFA, DOH, DILG, DOLE, DPWH, DOST, DTI, DOTC, BSP) and the regional directors of DECS, DSWD, and DOT; provided that each agency shall be represented by only one regional director; *and*
- g. private sector representatives (PSRs) who shall comprise one-fourth of the members of the fully-constituted council.

SEC. 2. *Selection of PSRs.* The selection of private sector representatives to the RDC shall be done in accordance with the guidelines approved by the NEDA Board.

SEC. 3. *Special Members.* The RDC, subject to the concurrence of majority of its regular members, may designate special non-voting members of the Council.

SEC. 4. *Functions of the RDC.* The RDC shall have the following functions:

- a. Coordinate the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of short and long-term regional development plans and investment programs, regional physical framework plan and special development plans, including the formulation of policy recommendations;
- b. Integrate approved development plans of provinces and cities, line agencies, state universities and colleges, government owned and controlled corporations and special development authorities in the region into the regional development plan;
- c. Review, prioritize, and endorse to the national government the annual and multi-year sectoral investment programs of the region for funding and implementation;
- d. Review and endorse to the national government the annual budgets of agency regional offices, state colleges and universities and special development authorities;
- e. Promote and direct the inflow and allocation of private investments in the region to support regional development objectives, policies and strategies;
- f. Review and endorse national plans, programs and projects proposed for implementation in the regions;
- g. As required by the Investment Coordinating Committee (ICC), review and endorse projects of national government agencies that have impact on the region and projects of LGUs in the region requiring national government financial exposure which may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations or subsidies, among others;
- h. Initiate and coordinate the development, funding and implementation of regional and special development projects such as those involving several agencies or LGUs;
- i. Coordinate the monitoring and evaluation of development projects undertaken by government agencies, local government units, state colleges and universities, government-owned and/or -controlled corporations and special development authorities in the region; *and*
- j. Perform other related functions and activities as may be necessary to promote and sustain the socio-economic development of the regions.

SEC. 5. *RDC Officials.* The RDC shall be jointly headed by a Chairman and Co-Chairman appointed by the President. The NEDA Regional Director shall be the ex-officio Vice-Chairman of the RDC. The NEDA Assistant Regional Director shall be the Secretary of the RDC.

SEC. 6. *Executive Committee.* The Council shall create an Executive Committee to act on matters that require immediate attention for and on behalf of the RDC when it is not in session. The Executive Committee shall comprise one-fourth of the total membership of the fully-constituted Council, the membership to be determined by the Council, provided that all sectoral committee chairmen created under Section 7 of this Executive Order, shall automatically become members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman, Co-Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the RDC shall also serve as the officers of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. *Sectoral Committees.* To assist the RDC in the performance of its functions, the Council shall create sectoral committees to handle social, economic, infrastructure, and development

administration concerns whose composition shall be determined by the Council. The sectoral committees shall perform functions analogous to and supportive of the functions of the Regional Development Council. They shall review and endorse matters pertaining to their respective sectors to the RDC Executive Committee and/or the RDC Full Council.

SEC. 8. *Advisory Committee.* To further strengthen the coordinative and consultative mechanism in the regions, there is hereby created an Advisory Committee to advise, assist and support the Council in discharging its functions. It shall be composed of the members of the House of Representatives representing the provinces and districts of the region who shall signify their intention to become members thereof in writing, and members of the Council's Executive Committee.

The Chairman, Co-Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Council shall also serve as the officers of the Advisory Committee.

The Committee may meet as often as necessary but not less than once a semester.

SEC. 9. *Affiliate Committees.* The various committees and councils organized to carry out national and agency programs are considered to be under the umbrella of the RDC. Their role shall be to assist the RDC coordinate, monitor and evaluate their respective specific concerns. In general, secretariat functions to these bodies shall be provided by the lead agency that organized the council/committee.

SEC. 10. *Meetings.* The RDC Full Council shall meet at least once every quarter. It may adopt its own rules on constituting quorum.

SEC. 11. *Appointment of Chairman/Co-Chairman.* In line with the government's thrust on decentralization, the RDC shall nominate at least two (2) local chief executives who are ex-officio members and two (2) private sector representatives from whom the President shall select and appoint the RDC Chairman and Co-Chairman, provided, that if the Chairman is from the government sector, the Co-Chairman shall be selected from the private sector (and vice-versa). Regional Directors of national government agencies in the region shall not be included in the selection of nominees for Chairman and Co-Chairman.

SEC. 12. *Functions/Powers and Responsibilities of the Chairman/Co-Chairman.* The Chairman/Co-Chairman shall have the following functions, powers and responsibilities:

- a. Preside over the meetings of the Council;
- b. Direct members of the Council, affiliate committees and regional line agencies to perform tasks the RDC may deem necessary;
- c. Accept, in behalf of the Council, donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts;
- d. Represent the region in Cabinet meetings and other activities at the national level;
- e. Submit to the President through the NEDA Board regional plans, regional investment programs, annual development reports and other documents on the region as approved by the Council; *and*
- f. Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the President.

SEC. 13. *RDC Secretariat.* The NEDA Regional Office shall be the Secretariat of the RDC. The NEDA Regional Director shall manage the technical, administrative and financial operations of the RDC and shall be accountable for the funds and properties of the RDC.

SEC. 14. *Term of Office.* The RDC Chairman, Co-Chairman and private sector representatives shall serve in the Council for a fixed term of three years coinciding with the regular term of local elective officials.

SEC. 15. *Funding.* Funds necessary for RDC operations, project monitoring and evaluation, and implementation of special projects shall be included in the annual general appropriations bill submitted to Congress, subject to the usual auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 16. *Non-Applicability.* This Executive Order shall not apply to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

SEC. 17. *Implementing Rules.* The NEDA Board is hereby directed to prepare and adopt detailed guidelines to implement the specific provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 18. *Transitory Provision.* The existing private sector representatives shall continue to serve the Council until the expiry of their term. The selection of the new set of private sector representatives shall then be guided by Section 2 of this Executive Order.

SEC. 19. *Repealing Clause.* All previous issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 20. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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